

February 2018 PTO Newsletter

No February General PTO Meeting

The PTO Executive Committee will meet, but there will be no general meeting this month due to the Tour du Monde/Open House being held on February 8 (the usual PTO meeting date). The next general meeting will be on March 8.

March 8 LNFI Fun Run

Mark your calendars and get ready for the LNFI Fun Run on Thursday, March 8! We'll be having fun and raising money for next year's interns. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and the money we raise helps pay for interns for the 2018-19 school year. The PTO is collaborating with Apex Fun Run for our run this year. Apex Fun Run is a national program designed to help schools raise money while promoting student leadership and fitness – www.apexfunrun.com. Apex Fun Run staff will be working with our teachers and students from February 26 to March 7 – culminating in the Fun Run on Thursday, March 8. • The Fun Run is a pledge-based fundraiser. Students solicit pledges from family members, neighbors, friends, etc. for the laps they will run during the Fun Run. Sponsors can pledge \$1 per lap, \$2 per lap, \$5 per lap, or any other amount for their students. • In order to make the Fun Run a success, we need your help:

- Help your child in asking for and getting pledges from family and friends. The more pledges we have, the more money we raise for next year's interns. Fundraising packets will be coming home on Monday, February 26.
- Volunteer to help with the Fun Run. We need ten parents per grade level to help with the run. You can volunteer at: www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer.
- Attend the Fun Run and cheer on our student runners!

Every student gets to participate in the Fun Run whether or not they raise pledges. Everyone gets fun prizes and team awards!

Intern Program Information

The Intern Committee is already working on plans for next school year, and host family recruitment for the 2018-2019 school year has begun! The number of host families we have signed up by March 31st—in conjunction with available funding from PTO fundraisers this year—will determine how many interns we recruit in April/May. If we have sufficient funding, we would like to aim for 8-10 interns. This will require 16-20 host families (plus five back-up host families) committed by the end of March. You can sign up to host in the fall or the spring, or you can sign up to be a back-up host family only.

Please visit the Intern Section of www.lnfi-pto.org for more information or to fill out an application. Questions about hosting can be directed to Tracie Berniard at tberniard@gmail.com.

LNFI 2017-2018 Interns (left to right): Manon Jacquemin-Foudrat, Ludivine Grespier, Nadir Essedri, Diane Durey, Manon Parageaud, Julie Aelion and Yacine Moumene. Not pictured: Claire Ferté



LNFI Bowling Afternoon

Sunday, February 18, 2-4 p.m.
 Sun Ray Lanes, 2245 Hudson Rd, St Paul. **An RSVP (with payment) is required by Friday, February 9, to guarantee your spot!** If you lost your flyer/RSVP form, you can find it under Upcoming Events on www.lnfi-pto.org. If you don't RSVP, you can still attend, but extra bowling spots will be on a first come, first served basis that day. If you have questions, please send an email to social@lnfi-pto.org.

Wooddale FunZone LNFI Spirit Night

Friday, March 2, 5-10 p.m.
 2122 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury

LNFI Fun Run

Thursday, March 8, 9:55 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.
 Hazel Park Recreation Center
 945 Hazel St N, St Paul, MN 55119

March PTO General Meeting Lower Campus Library

Thursday, March 8, 6 p.m.
 Simple sandwich makings and fruit will be available at 5:45 p.m. Toilet-trained children can play in the gym (under LNFI TA supervision).

Upcoming No School Days

Monday, February 19
 Friday, March 2

Questions or Comments?

If you have any questions or comments for the PTO, please email them to communications@lnfi-pto.org.

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 MORE INFORMATION****

Box Tops for Education. Please turn in Box Tops by **Friday, February 16.** Collect 100 Box Tops and earn a \$10 Scholastic Spring Book Fair credit for your child! Box Tops should be sent to school with your child in a bag clearly marked with the teacher and child's names. (Marker can wear off, so you may want to label a piece of type.) **The PTO needs a Box Tops coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year because our current coordinator will be moving.

Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run is a program for 3rd-5th grade girls that inspires girls "to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running." For more information and to register, go to <https://www.gotrincities.org/>. Practices are held at the Upper Campus and run from March 19 through June 1 on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:15-5:45 p.m., with a 5k run the first weekend of June. If you are interested in volunteering to help coach one or two days a week, please send an email to LNFI parent Amanda Kutzke at arkutzke@gmail.com. Thank you Amanda for bringing this program to LNFI for another season!

Additional Kermesse Volunteer Co-Coordinators are needed to make this a successful event! Kermesse has been rescheduled for Friday, June 1. A kermesse in France is an end-of-year community-building fundraiser for the whole school and is similar to a school carnival. The whole school will be involved, so the school will need lots of help to make it successful! **A committee of three teachers will work with volunteer coordinators to organize the event. Co-coordinator planning volunteers are needed for food, classroom projects, silent auction, logistics, punchcards (tickets), and promotion.** To help, please sign up for a coordinator position at www.LNFI-PTO.org/volunteer or let your student's teacher know you would like to help. For more information, please send an email to kermesse@lnfi-pto.org. **Those who volunteer co-coordinate an area will receive a \$20 punch card for the event.**

Box Tops for Education 2018-2019 Coordinator Needed! LNFI needs a new coordinator for the next school year because the current coordinator will be moving. The coordinator will decide on any promotions to encourage participation, make backpack flyers, and collect, count, and submit Box Tops several times a year. (Each Box Top submitted equals 10 cents for the PTO.) If you can volunteer for this position, please send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org.

Labels for Education. With credit earned through the Labels for Education program, the LNFI coordinator, Jennifer Voelker, purchased six soccer balls, six basketballs, and five sets of Gatorskins balls for Mme Kaufenberg to use with gym classes at both campuses. Thanks, Jennifer! (The Labels for Education program has ended, but please keep saving your Box Tops for Education!)

Wooddale FunZone LNFI Sipirt Night. Get your friends together and head to Wooddale Fun Zone for the second LNFI Spirit Night on Friday, March 2, 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Wooddale Fun Zone (2122 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury, <http://www.wooddalefunzone.com>). This is a fun way to get together with LNFI friends and families on a winter evening! Cost: \$7.00 for roller skating or the playzone (ages 10 and younger) or \$10 for both activities. (Adults who aren't participating in an activity don't pay admission.) NOTE: School Spirit Nights are held on Friday nights during sessions that are open to the public, so LNFI won't have the entire space as we did at Saints North. If families enjoy this activity, we will continue participating in school spirit nights the first Friday of month through the end of school. The class with the most students in attendance will get the traveling mascot trophy in their room until the next event! **When you purchase admission, let them know you are part of LNFI.

SPPS French Immersion Pathway. If you missed the January PTO meeting featuring presentations by staff from Ramsey Middle School and Central High School on the French immersion pathway after LNFI and would like more information, please send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org. If you have a student heading to middle school next year and are considering Ramsey and want information from a former LNFI parent, you may contact Ramsey PTO's French Immersion Liaison— Dan Humes, humes45@comcast.net.

PTO Website and Facebook. The PTO tries hard to keep the website, www.lnfi-pto.org, up-to-date with information on upcoming events, intern program information, and the direct donation and other fundraiser links (like Box Tops, Amazon, and Shutterfly partnerships). The PTO also posts information and reminders on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lnfipto.

Class Liaison and PTO Emails. If you aren't receiving emails from your class liaison or the PTO and would like to, please send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org.

PTO Meetings – Second Thursday of the Month. PTO meetings are generally held the second Thursday of the month in the Lower Campus library at 6 p.m.. Childcare is provided in the gym for toilet-trained children.

Amazon. If you make purchases on amazon.com, please use the PTO's Amazon link every time you shop: <http://www.amazon.com/?tag=lnfipto-20>. The LNFI PTO is an Amazon Affiliate and earns money from all purchases made via this link. (This link is different than the AmazonSmile link, which doesn't earn as much money for the PTO.)

Shutterfly. Bookmark this link to print photos or create cards, photo books, invitations, and more - <http://lnfipto.shutterflystorefront.com/>. Shutterfly will donate 13% of purchases to the LNFI PTO.

Questions? Send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org, and we'll direct you to the right person to answer your questions!