

February 2017 PTO Newsletter

Intern Program Profiles and Information



My name is Roxane Chiquet. I'm 24 years old. I used to live in a beautiful town called Trebeurden, in Bretagne (West of France). Now I live in Rennes, a city in Bretagne where I study linguistics and especially French Foreign Language. I have a brother and a group of awesome friends. I like to discover new things, hang out, and have fun. I also love my job. I have been teaching for two years, in a middle school and then in my university. This year, I am very excited to go to the US and to meet you all. I can't wait to see the kids; I have never worked with young children. I am very glad to be an intern at LNFI!



Hi! My name is Célia Pil, and I am 26 years old. I am French and live near Reims, although I was born in Le Blanc Mesnil. I come from a family with two sisters, and I have two cats. My hobbies are broad and include reading books, watching movies, listening to music, walking in nature, going to museums, doing sports (especially zumba), and volunteering, but one of my favorites is travelling - meeting people and sharing intercultural experiences. Being an intern at LNFI will be an extraordinary opportunity to do so through an entry-level professional experience that will develop my teaching skills, give me new pedagogical methods, and improve my English.

**Intern Committee is already working on plans for the next school year and host family recruitment for 2017-2018 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 ten interns. This will require 24 host families (20 host families plus four 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 tracie.berniard@lnfi-pto.org.

VIP Day at Lower Campus

This special event is for kindergarten and first grade VIPs! It will be held on Friday, March 17, 2:30-4:00 p.m. VIPs can be grandparents, aunts or uncles, family friends, parents or any other important adult in a student's life. VIP Day is held in conjunction with the spring book fair so VIPs can stop in and take advantage of the great book selection. All VIPs are encouraged to participate. Special activities are planned along with light refreshments. Look for flyers in backpacks in the coming weeks.

Milk and Cookies

Come for MILK and COOKIES! Learn about our intern program and the host family experience on Thursday, March 2, 6-7:30 at lower campus. Interns will read to kids, who will also enjoy a snack, while parents attend a Q&A session with families and interns. More information soon!

UPCOMING DATES

Milk and Cookies at Lower Campus

Thursday, March 2, 6-7:30

LNFI Family Bowling Afternoon

Sunday, March 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 Sun Ray Lanes, 2245 Hudson Rd., St. Paul
 (If you didn't RSVP by February 15, there is no guarantee of spots. Send an email to social@lnfi-pto.org with questions.)

March PTO Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.
 Lower Campus Library

VIP Day at Lower Campus

Friday, March 17, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, March 17, 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Lower Campus only
 Tuesday, March 21, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 21, student daytime shopping - Upper Campus
 Thursday, March 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 Friday, March 24, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Staff Appreciation Potlucks (food contributed by families)

Tuesday, March 14
 Thursday, March 16

Family Service Fair - Lower Campus

Tuesday, April 18

LNFI Fun Run

Thursday, May 11

Kermesse

Friday, June 2

No School Days

Monday, February 20
 Friday, March 3
 Friday, March 24
 April 3-7, Spring Break

LNFI has a fantastic group of interns this year! We appreciate the work they do in the classrooms! If you are visiting your child's classroom, don't forget to say hi and introduce yourself. Below is a list of classroom assignments for each intern:



Benjy Tardieux - Mme Faltesek
Sophie Delsaux - Mmes Harberts and Rddad
Célia Pil - Mmes Stephenson and Rivard
Laura Guillemin - Mmes Bolar Boly and Handley
Roxane Chiquet - Mmes Dubaille and Swann
Elise Boire - Mlles Geimer and Gagnaire
Claire Destanque - Mme Solachava and Mme Tavernier
Laura Douangdara - Mmes Tran and Scholl
Elsa Gasparini - Mmes Klein and Bissoy (3rd-5th grade science)
Max Brossard - Mlle Eichten and Mme Solachava

Save the date! LNFI will have its first Kermesse celebration on June 2! Kermesse is a traditional end-of-year celebration held at schools in France. It will be held in the afternoon through the evening at Lower Campus. More information will be coming soon.

Le Festival des Pays Francophones – Thanks to everyone who visited the Lower Campus to see the students' work on different French-speaking countries. The students and teachers work hard to put the display information together and they all did a fantastic job!

Max the Mascot – Yet again, Mlle Gagnaire's class "won" Max by having the most students attend the LNFI roller skating night. Mlle Gagnaire must do a good job of encouraging student participation because, year after year, she often has the most students at events! The next opportunity for a class to "win" Max will be at the LNFI Family Bowling Afternoon on March 5.

LNFI Fun Run – Thursday, May 11. LNFI will again have a fun run this year. A change from last year will be that the PTO and parent volunteers will be planning and hosting the run ourselves (rather than Apex), so more of the money raised will directly benefit students. If you have questions or would like to help with the planning, please send an email to Ray Kirsch at ray.kirsch@lnfi-pto.org.

Doing Good Together Family Service Fair – Tuesday, April 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Lower Campus Gymnasium and cafeteria. This is a FREE Event! Join other LNFI families, interns, and staff and do good! We'll be setting up stations in the gym for families to rotate through and create hands-on projects, which will be donated to local non-profit organizations. Dinner will be available for \$5/person. All proceeds from dinner will go towards the 5th grade field trip to France.

****MailChimp PTO Emails**** – The PTO uses MailChimp to send emails. If you signed up to be in the PTO directory, the email addresses from the directory are merged with MailChimp to send PTO emails. Class liaisons also use the emails to send information to families. If you no longer want to be in the directory, please send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org.

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

PTO Directory. If you aren't in the directory (or don't know if you are), aren't receiving PTO or class liaison emails, never set up a password, or lost your password, send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org. If you have previously provided your email address on a PTO form, but don't know if you have a password or don't remember it, you can go to the directory page at www.lnfi-pto.org, fill in your email address, and click on the forgot your password button to be sent a link to create a new password.

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

PTO Website and Facebook. Volunteers try hard to keep the website, www.lnfi-pto.org, up-to-date with information about upcoming events, the direct donation link, fundraising opportunities (like Box Tops and Labels for Education and Amazon and Shutterfly partnerships), backpack flyers, and the family directory. The PTO also has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lnfipto where we post information about upcoming events.

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