

October 2017 PTO Newsletter

October PTO Meeting

The next PTO meeting is on **Thursday, October 12, at 6 p.m. in the Lower Campus library**. Please come and be an active part of your school and PTO! We will discuss the Carnaval des Citrouilles plans and volunteer needs, Box Tops promotions, the fall Scholastic Book Fair, and other upcoming events that the PTO puts on throughout the year (and volunteer needs). Simple sandwich makings will be available at 5:45 p.m. Childcare is provided in the gym for toilet-trained children.

Carnaval des Citrouilles and Dance

The Carnaval des Citrouilles and Dance is coming up on Friday, October 27, from 6-8 p.m! The event will be at the Lower Campus. October 27 is a no-school day, so that will give us lots of time to get everything ready during the day! More information will be sent home in a separate backpack flyer with information about wristbands, volunteer opportunities, and activities at the event. This event takes quite a few volunteers! To volunteer, please sign up at www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer or send an email to social@lnfi-pto.org. (This will be a fun event for the whole family, so please stay at school with your kids during the event.)

Intern Profiles

Each month, we will profile two of our interns, so families can learn more about them!



Bonjour, My name is **Yacine Moumene**, I'm 22 years old, I'm French and I live in Chelles, a nice little town right next to Paris. I just completed the first year of my master's degree, and I wish to become a teacher in the years to come. I always loved sharing with others and learning from others, and for that reason, this internship at L'Etoile du Nord seems like the perfect opportunity to learn more about the American way of life while transmitting the authenticity of my French culture and language. Teaching is not my only passion, I am also a great movie enthusiast, I like going to the gym, and cooking in general. I'm also currently trying to learn how to play guitar. I'm very eager to meet all of you in the classroom!



Hello, My name is **Manon Parageaud**, I'm 26 years old. I'm French and I live in Nantes, a beautiful city near the Atlantic Ocean. I have a big brother and a little sister, three nieces and an awesome cat named Merlin. I will be graduated in September in learning sciences after finishing my research paper about empathy in the French school system. Before studying learning sciences, I studied geography for 3 years, but I decided to change because of a lack of human contact and I also realize that education is at the center of society. It's a key to building a better world. The internship at L'Etoile du Nord will be a good transition between school and work life. It's a good way to discover another school system and other methods to extend my knowledge about children and tutoring. It's also a great way to improve my English. I have been to the US twice before for vacation and I want to discover another culture and way of life. I love traveling, reading, cooking (mostly pastries), going to cinema, and watching TV shows.

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Box Tops for Education Due

Friday, October 13 (Fall due date)
Send in 100 unexpired Box Tops in a bag marked with the student and teacher's name to earn a \$10 credit at the fall book fair!

Picture Day

Tuesday, October 17

Carnaval des Citrouilles and Dance, Lower Campus

Friday, October 27, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
This is a no school day for students.
Flyers will be sent home soon in backpacks.

Fifth Grade T-shirt Design Contest Entries Due

Friday, October 13
(see reverse side for more information)

No School Days

Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20
Friday, October 27

November PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 6 p.m.

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(MORE INFORMATION ON BACK)

PTO Direct Donation Appeal. •This month we are sending home a donation card and envelope with each student. Please complete the card, and return the card and envelope to your student's classroom by Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Teachers will have a box to receive completed cards in each classroom. •At school, students will receive fun prizes based on the number of completed donation cards received in each classroom – e.g., superballs, sticky hands, extra recess! The classrooms at each grade level with the greatest number of returned donation cards will win doughnut parties. •The donation cards ask you to make a donation to the LNFI PTO by cash/check (made out to "LNFI PTO") or online (www.lnfi-pto.org; click on the Contribute tab). You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring monthly donations. Classrooms win prizes based on the number of returned donation cards, not on the amount of money received in donations. •The suggested donation is \$120 per student. If you can give more, terrific; if you can give less, terrific. Your participation is what matters most. •Please complete your donation card and return the card and envelope to your student's classroom by October 31, 2017. Help our students have fun while making their future as bright as it can be. There are extra donation cards and envelopes in the school offices. If you misplace the donation card, have your child mention this to the teacher, who can get another from the school office.



Box Tops for Education. Collect 100 Box Tops and send them to school by Friday, October 13 to earn a \$10 Scholastic Fall 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. Each Box Top is worth 10 ¢. Last year, LNFI families submitted enough Box Tops to earn the PTO \$1300!

Fifth Grade T-shirt Design Contest. We have a fun opportunity for fifth grade students! Get creative and draw a design for the 2017-2018 LNFI spiritwear t-shirts/sweatshirts. Work individually or in a group and submit a design that incorporates something about what LNFI means to you, your experience at LNFI, or experiences gained through your time at LNFI. Feel free to use the LNFI motto, mascots, or colors. Submit designs to Monica at monica.brown@lnfi-pto.org by Friday, October 13. All designs submitted will be voted on by LNFI students, parents, and staff. The design with the most votes will go into production for this year's spiritwear t-shirt.



LNFI Yard Signs and Car Stickers and Magnets. Help raise awareness of LNFI! You can pick up an LNFI yard sign in the school offices. There are two designs to choose from. (There is a suggested donation of \$5 for a sign.) LNFI car stickers and magnets are also available for free at PTO events.

Volunteer with the LNFI PTO! If you would like to volunteer, but aren't sure where to start, please send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org or leave your name and phone number with either Mme Blomgren at Lower Campus or Mme Tellier at Upper Campus. Volunteer opportunities include everything from making copies of backpack flyers to hanging up flyers at the schools to helping plan Kermesse, the French-style, end-of-year celebration LNFI held for the first time last June.

Signup.com. The PTO uses Signup.com to organize many volunteer opportunities. Please go to www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer to visit the PTO's volunteer Signup.com page to volunteer for scheduled events.

PTO Website and Facebook. The PTO website, www.lnfi-pto.org, has reminders about upcoming events, the direct donation link, fundraising opportunities (like Box Tops for Education and our Amazon and Shutterfly partnerships), and backpack flyers. The PTO also has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lnfipto where we post information about upcoming events.

PTO Meetings – Second Thursday of the Month. PTO meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in the Lower Campus library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Childcare is provided in the gym for toilet-trained children.

Questions? Send an email to communications@lnfipto.org or let someone in the school office know that you have a question for the PTO, and we'll direct you to the right person to answer your question!

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. If you use Shutterfly (or any of the related websites), please use this link – <http://lnfipto.shutterflystorefront.com/> before placing an order and Shutterfly will donate 13% of purchases to the LNFI PTO.