

## September 2017 PTO Newsletter

### Welcome Interns!

We are happy to welcome eight interns to LNFI for the 2017-2018 school year! Four interns are working at Lower Campus: **Ludivine Grespier** (Mmes Bolar Boly and Rddad), **Julie Aelion** (Mmes Harberts and Rivard), **Manon Jaquemin-Foudrat** (Mmes Faltesek and Ananou), and **Diane Durey** (Mmes Stephenson and Handley). Four more are working at Upper Campus: **Claire Ferté** (Mlles Geimer and Gagnaire and Mme Swann), **Manon Parageaud** (Mmes Dubaille and Klein), **Yacine Moumene** (Mmes Scholl and Vang and M. Mang), and **Nadir Essediri** (Mmes Tran and Solachava). Our LNFI interns all hail from France this year. Four of them—Julie, Yacine, Diane and Nadir—come from Paris or the suburbs surrounding it. Claire and Manon P. come from Nantes. Ludivine comes from Champagne, and Manon J-F grew up in Paris, but spent the past seven years in Montpellier. They are all happy and excited to work with your children this year. Please help them feel welcome!

Thank you all LNFI families, teachers, and administration for your ongoing support of the intern program. Because the program is funded and overseen by the PTO, we couldn't do it without you!

### September 21 PTO Meeting

Come and meet our new principal, Mme Flores-Hanson, and other LNFI families. We will talk about what the PTO does and the ways you can provide input or volunteer! PTO meetings are held in the Lower Campus Library at 6 p.m. Bring your kids, toilet-trained and older, and drop them off in the gym for supervised fun and games. Parents can bring younger kids to the meeting. (Note: After the September meeting, PTO meetings are held the second Thursday of the month.)

### Halloween Dance/Carnaval

**\*Save the date!** The PTO's Halloween dance/carnaval will be held at the Lower Campus on Friday, October 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The evening will include a dance, food, games, a cake walk, a bouncy house, and more!

**\*The Social Committee has started making plans, but needs additional volunteers to help with the planning and coordination.** Amanda, Michelle, and Sarah will support any volunteers who can help with coordination! If you can help, please look through the information below and send an email to [social@Infi-pto.org](mailto:social@Infi-pto.org) to let them know how you would like to help or sign up to help coordinate at [www.Infi-pto.org/volunteer](http://www.Infi-pto.org/volunteer).

**\*What volunteers are needed now?** (Volunteers will also be needed to staff the activity stations at the event, but signups for the day of the event will come at a later time.) Volunteer coordinators are needed for: 1) food – planning and managing the food to be sold at the event; 2) decorations – look at we have, what we may need, and set up at the event (with other volunteers); 3) cakewalk (a game where participants have the chance to win a donated baked good of their choice) – plan a backpack flyer for donations, get donations to Lower Campus (if necessary), set up donations, and help other cake walk volunteers at the event; and 4) games – go through what we have (and make any changes or fixes), decide whether we need prizes (and purchase what is needed), and determine how many and what games to have at the event.

### PTO Executive Committee

Julie Bowen, President  
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### PTO Meeting

#### Lower Campus Library

Thursday, September 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(Subsequent meetings are held the second Thursday of the month.)  
Childcare is provided in the gym for toilet-trained children.

### Free Flu Shot Clinics

All LNFI families are invited to receive a free flu shot (no mist). (More information is included on the reverse side.)

#### Lower Campus Gymnasium –

Tuesday, October 3, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

#### Upper Campus Gymnasium –

Wednesday, October 4, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### October PTO Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m.

### Halloween Dance/Carnaval

Friday, October 27, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(Note: This is a no-school day.)

### No School Days

Thursday, October 19

Friday, October 20

Friday, October 27

**Flu Shot Clinics.** Flu shot clinics will again be held at both campuses this year. All LNFI families are invited to receive a free flu shot! (There will be no mist available this year.) Participants are asked to bring their insurance card, which helps ensure those without insurance may participate. Insurance companies only, not individual participants, will be billed. Thank you to the MN Visiting Nurse Association for sponsoring these clinics! **Lower Campus Gymnasium** – Tuesday, October 3, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Upper Campus Gymnasium** – Wednesday, October 4, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**LNFI PTO Executive Committee and Committees.** The LNFI PTO Executive Committee includes the four officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) and five committees (committee chairs are voting members of the Executive Committee). The five committees are Fundraising, Intern, Social, Communications, and Finance. Committees are always looking for additional members, so please consider joining a committee that interests you. If you can't attend the monthly PTO meetings, you can still participate! Please attend the September 21 PTO meeting to learn more about the committees or, if you can't attend, send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org) if you would like more information.

**SignUp.com.** Throughout the school year, the PTO uses SignUp.com to organize many volunteer opportunities. Please go to [www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer](http://www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer) to visit the PTO's volunteer SignUp page to volunteer for scheduled events.

**Box Tops for Education.** Collect 100 Box Tops and send them to school by October 16 to earn a \$10 Scholastic Fall Book Fair credit for your child! Look for the Box Tops Clips (like the picture at left) on food and household product packages. Box Tops should be sent to your child's teacher in a bag with the teacher and student's names on it. LNFI PTO earns 10¢ for every box top! Last year, we collected over \$1,000 in Box Tops! For a complete list of products, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>.



**PTO Communications.** The PTO communicates with families in several ways. These include:

- **PTO Meetings** – The first meeting is **September 21**. (Subsequent meetings are held the second Thursday of the month.)
- **Classroom Liaison and PTO Emails** - The PTO and class liaisons send emails regarding upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and updates on school happenings. (The PTO has had an online student/family directory in the past, but we need to redo it this year, so the directory is not currently up-to-date.) If you haven't received any emails this school year and want to, please send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org).
- **Backpack Flyers** – Please check your students' backpacks regularly.
- **Facebook** - The PTO also uses its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lnfipto/](http://www.facebook.com/lnfipto/), to post updates, reminders, and information on upcoming events.
- **The PTO Website** - The LNFI PTO website, [www.lnfi-pto.org](http://www.lnfi-pto.org), contains information about upcoming events, PDFs of backpack flyers, information about interns and hosting an intern, and much more. **This is the best place to look for the backpack flyer you lost/didn't see and to see the next few PTO events that are coming up.**
- **Questions?** If you have questions at any time, send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org).

**Support the PTO When You Shop - 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>. There is also a link in the upper right corner of [www.lnfi-pto.org](http://www.lnfi-pto.org). 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 its related websites) to print pictures, cards or photobooks, please use this link – <http://lnfipto.shutterflystorefront.com/> before placing an order, and Shutterfly will donate 13% of purchases to the LNFI PTO.



The interns enjoyed a boat cruise on the Mississippi this week. From left to right: Claire, Yacine, Diane, Ludivine, Manon P, Nadir, Manon J-F, Julie.