



L'Etoile du Nord PTO 2025-2026 Donation Appeal

Bonjour L'Etoile du Nord Families,

Welcome to another school year full of fun and learning! **We are writing to ask that you invest in our children's learning by making a donation to the L'Etoile du Nord Parent Teacher Organization.** The money we raise goes directly back to the students, teachers, and interns of our amazing school– to help our students become life-long learners who are successful in a global, multilingual community. While the PTO hosts several fundraising events throughout the year, including the Glow Run, this Direct Donation Drive is a large percentage of our fundraising budget. It is simple and straightforward!

This year, we are welcoming four French-speaking interns to work with our students and teachers. They bring their energy, language, and culture to our school, and help our students learn and grow. The PTO pays for these interns, and the costs to recruit and hire them, and PTO volunteers run the intern program in cooperation with teachers and school administration. The PTO also sponsors school community events such as Open Gym, Black History Month celebrations, Kermesse, Carnaval des Citrouilles, Book Fairs, as well as assisting with the Fifth Grade France Trip, the school Open House and school beautification . We provide funding for school enrichment (including teacher/staff grants), and we provide appreciation meals and events for all the amazing people who serve our students everyday.

We have sent home a donation card and envelope with each student. We ask that you complete the card, and return the card and envelope to your student's classroom by Friday, October 10, 2025. Teachers will have a box to receive completed cards in each classroom.

The cards ask you to make a donation to the L'Etoile du Nord PTO. You can make a donation online (www.lnfi-pto.org, click on "Contribute") or by check or cash. The suggested donation is \$125 per student. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring monthly donations. Meanwhile, back at school, students will receive fun prizes based on the number of completed donation cards received in each classroom **– e.g., glow sticks, mini bubbles, extra recess!

Please join me in supporting our students, teachers, and interns with a donation. Many corporations will offer a donation match, so please take a moment to check your company's policy! Help our students have fun while making their future as bright as it can be.

Thank you in advance for your donations. **Merci!**

The L'Etoile du Nord PTO Executive Board

****Your participation is what matters most! Classrooms win prizes based on the number of returned donation cards, regardless of donation.**

About the 2025-2026 PTO Budget and Direct Donations

How much money does the PTO hope to raise through direct donations this year?

Our goal is to raise \$18,000 dollars through direct donations during the 2025-2026 school year. The suggested donation amount is \$125 per student.

How do direct donations fit with the PTO budget and fundraising?

Our goal is to raise at least \$56,100 dollars this year. We anticipate that direct donations will make up about one-fourth of PTO funds.

Does the goal of \$18,000 take into account that some families cannot make a donation?

Yes, it does. We realize that not every family will be able to make the suggested donation. Even if you cannot make a donation, please complete and return your donation card so that your student's classroom can win fun prizes.

Have LNFI families expressed support for making direct donations?

Yes. In our spring 2025 survey, many families indicated that the Direct Donation Campaign was their preferred fundraiser. With direct donations, the PTO gets over 95 percent of your online donations (after transaction fees). We get 100 percent of your check and cash donations.

What are some other ways I can support L'Etoile du Nord?

Whether you are able to make a donation to the PTO or not, please consider helping us spread the word about our incredible school! Please use the QR codes below to leave a positive review:



Merci!!!