FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL
L'ETOILE DU NORD
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Family Engagement Night

Wednesday November 18, 2026 | 6 - 8 pm



Community Potluck: Bring a family favorite or cultural dish to share!
Repas communautaire partagé:
Apportez un plat familial ou une spécialité culturelle à partager !
Comida comunitaria de traje:
¡Trae un plato favorito de tu familia o una receta de tu cultura para compartir!



PTO General Meeting Agenda

6-6:30 pm — *Dish up some food, sit down to eat, and chat with other families*

6:30 pm — Welcome from PTO President – Rebekah LaCasse
(Emily Hautala instead of Rebekah)

6:35 pm — Principal's Update – Principal Barter
Our community engagement is special! We are appreciative of all of you.

The SPPS Facilities Portfolio Analysis (part of the 2033 strategic plan) is a process to align facilities/programs with community needs and attendance changes happening in the district (and elsewhere). Currently the district is in the community engagement process. Please complete the online survey (open through Nov 30).

6:40 pm — **Special Presentation: LNFI Playground Renovation Project – Charlie Colvin**
Our playground is scheduled to be replaced in summer 2027. The SPPS team will make every effort to preserve the big tree, and the new playground will be located in a slightly different location (adjacent to the current playground).
- *New equipment designed for kids ages 5-12 years*
- *Will include swings!*
- *Many accessible features*
- *50-60% soft rubber surface (the rest will be wood chips)*

6:50 pm — Fundraising Committee – Sarah Canfield
- Give to the Max

Give to the Max Day (a statewide community giving day) is Nov 19. We welcome support from families and friends!

6:42 pm — Social Committee – Anna Larson
- Staff Meals Update

The PTO provided two lunches to staff during conference week (from Los Ocampo and Zupas, plus donations of drinks and desserts from families). Staff were appreciative! We plan to offer similar meals during spring conference week.

Rainbow Club is a new student-led club for grades 3-5; supervised by Mme Faltasek and Mme Doyle; open to all students. Complete the permission slip if your child is interested.

6:50 pm — Intern Committee – Molly Clark
- Host Family Recruitment
- Intern Impact Survey

- Intern Introductions

This year we have six amazing interns supporting our school!
We encourage you to ask your kid about their classroom intern.
Consider inviting an intern to a family event. Part of their reason for being here is cultural exchange.

Families see interns as supporting lead teachers and supporting French pronunciation.
The intern impact survey is still open–please share your thoughts!

We will start host family recruitment in January.

Mme Nelson (currently a third grade teacher, formerly an intern at LNFI!): we're lucky this year that every classroom plus the art and science specialists have an intern. Gives kids access to more French, more personal attention.

6:45 pm Communications Committee – Malia Caruso

- Book Fair Update
- Spirit Gear

Red Balloon book fair was the week of Nov 9.

Many comments from teachers and parents: happy with the switch to Red Balloon
One person noted that there weren't many lower-priced options
There were some used books (for 25 cents each), will work to have more lower-priced options for next year
We used some of our proceeds to purchase French-language books for teachers

Spirit Wear pre-sale until Nov 29: order now, items will go home week before winter break.

7:10 pm Wrapping Up

- Tonight: Vote for Co-Chair Communications (Katie Mathurin)
- Tonight: Visit Road Renovation table in hall
- December Meeting: French Literacy Development (Lisa Showers)
- January Meeting: French Immersion Pathway (Hidden River/Central teachers)

7:15 pm Adjournment



Can't make it but still want to join? Scan this QR code to join the meeting online or go to: bit.ly/LNFIPTO