



## FIRST GRADERS WORKING HARD, WORKING TOGETHER

### **The Peace Museum comes to SLLIS**

Gateway to Peace is a traveling museum that teaches concepts of peace to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. TFS will participate in Peace Museum activities this *Wednesday, December 14*. **We're still looking for volunteers to help facilitate the different stations! To volunteer, please contact Lisa Berman at: [clubsllis@sllis.org](mailto:clubsllis@sllis.org).** The Peace Museum is free of charge and is supported by donations.

### **Fete D'Hiver, this Thursday! It's time for our Winter Learning Celebration**

Join TFS students and staff on *Thursday December 15* from 6pm-8pm to celebrate learning and the winter holidays with song, dance, and dessert!

### **After-School Activities 2012: Looking for Parent Coordinators and Helpers**

Assistant Heads of School are preparing to launch the Winter Session after-school activities. Parent assistance is *crucial* to running our after-school activities! We are currently looking for parents to coordinate the following clubs (or assist by picking students up from classrooms at 3:30):

Mad Science, Yoga/ Body Bendy  
Animation, Garden Club, Ballroom  
Dance, Folk Fiddle

These clubs can not run without parent assistance. Help us keep these activities running AND guarantee your child a spot in the activity. Contact [sonia@sllis.org](mailto:sonia@sllis.org) if you are interested in student pick-up or helping coordinate.

After-school activity information and registration will be distributed next Monday, December 19.

Please contact [sonia@sllis.org](mailto:sonia@sllis.org) or [maribel@sllis.org](mailto:maribel@sllis.org) with questions.

### **Coffee With Conrad**

The next Coffee With Conrad will be this *Wednesday, December 14* at 9a.m. in the Parents' Lounge. Please bring your own coffee mug!

### **Childcare at "Hear It From Rhonda"**

Childcare will be provided by SLLIS interns during "Hear It From Rhonda" this *Wednesday December 14* from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A small donation per child is requested to cover costs. Parents are asked to come a few minutes early to sign their child in. Contact Amy De la Hunt at [parentsassembly@sllis.org](mailto:parentsassembly@sllis.org) with questions.

# Amigos y Amis Update



Chères familles, Dear Families,

The weather is changing and so are some of our programs at SLLIS. Last semester, we invited all students to participate in our Title I-funded after-school book and math club, Amigos y Amis. The goal of this trial semester was to determine if an after-school book club is a good setting to offer math and literacy enrichment to students of *all* levels.

Based on feedback from teachers, parents, and volunteers, we learned that book club served some of our students better than others. Our limited number of staff and volunteers worked hard

to facilitate smaller groups, but some students still did not receive the small group instruction they need to thrive **on grade level**. Smaller groups will help us work more effectively with these students.

With this modified goal, only certain students will be invited to participate in Amigos y Amis next semester. Book club notifications will go out with after-school activity registration next Monday, December 19.

We also welcome the children of parents (or grandparents!) who **volunteer** at book club. We encourage parent participation at book club -- your help is invaluable!

Please feel free to contact Amigos y Amis coordinators with questions: [maribel@sllis.org](mailto:maribel@sllis.org) and [sonia@sllis.org](mailto:sonia@sllis.org)

Sincerely,

Sonia & Maribel



## Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers is an excellent resource for providing assistance to families with young children. Families can receive personal visits, developmental screenings, and parent resource materials. Through a new partnership with Parents as Teachers, SLLIS families with children prenatal to pre-kindergarten age will have special access to the resources they offer. Dianne Bonfili is the SLLIS Parent Educator and can be reached at 314.805.8699. Dianne will also be at school and available to talk with parents at conferences on Friday, February 17. Please contact Emilie Lytton at [emilie@sllis.org](mailto:emilie@sllis.org) with questions.

## IMPORTANT INFO

- Mondays are formal days at The French School.
- School begins at 8:40. The doors open at 8:15.
- Parents must make changes in the dismissal plans of their students prior to 2:00.
- Parking IS allowed on Papin St. during arrival and dismissal while the Commerce Bank lot is unavailable for SLLIS parking.
- Please do not double park on Papin Street.
- Please do not block driveways on Papin Street.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/14 Coffee With Conrad, 9am
- 12/14 Gateway to Peace Museum
- 12/14 Hear It From Rhonda, 5:30-6:30pm
- 12/15 Fete d'Hiver, 6-8pm
- 12/16 Circus Club performance, 9am
- 12/22 Winter Break begins