



A CARING SCHOOL.

Research suggests that students who have been rewarded for doing something nice become less likely to think of themselves as caring or helpful people and more likely to attribute their behavior to the reward.

CARING

This week I am meeting with each class in the French School to talk about our first Learner Profile quality, CARING. Our initial discussions revolve around the question: What does caring mean? We talked about who and what we care for and how we demonstrate this. In kindergarten we determined that you can care for people, places, things and of course animals! Kindergarten students are insistent that animals should not be classified as things! Our TFS word that conveys this principle is ALTRUISTE. This quality is also represented by the graphic on this page.

We will be emphasizing caring during the second quarter, where we will use the principle to describe our action throughout the school. We will also be talking about how to be caring at home. Please continue this discussion with your child. This is a great way to connect your values

and expectations to our school and to better equip your child for our discussions.

BEAUJOLAIS NIGHT

**Thursday, November 18th 7:00PM
Please Join Us!!**

This is quickly becoming one of the most loved celebrations in The French School. Come enjoy the company of your French Family (adults only) Thursday, November 18th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the SLLIS demonstration classroom (upstairs). Bring a dish to complement the new Beaujolais wines we'll be tasting. If you would prefer to contribute to the cost of the wine rather than prepare a dish, you are welcome to donate \$5.

Please use the pouch in your child's binder (also known as CATA) :

- to indicate how many people will come
- if you bring food: appetizer, entrée, dessert?
- include \$5 for wine

For the time being, Madame Adeline will be collecting both the information and the



money to buy the wine, but we would love it if a parent would take the lead for the RSVP. Please contact Adeline at adeline@sllis.org.

We appreciate any involvement from parent volunteers who are interested in helping with beverages, invitations, pot luck food, set up, clean up, greeting, name tags, decorations, prizes, candles and music. Please let us know how you would like to contribute and/or help in our fun celebration.

Non-competitive school-wide activities link students, parents, teachers and other adults in the school, help foster new school tradition and promote helpfulness, inclusiveness, and responsibility.

WHAT'S PUMPING IN PE?

After focusing on establishing clear rules and expectations, we are now able to spend about 10 minutes per 50 minutes session reflecting on some very important issues. We also have started more in depth discussions while stretching: what does it mean to be caring in our School? We talk about examples of TFS students being nice, caring and speaking French. The children are coming up with fantastic answers, and I can see our school culture getting stronger! At the beginning of the class we usually discuss a PE related topic, for instance "why is it important to warm up"? Recently, we have been playing a lot of cooperative games in order to strengthen the bonds between the students and make them understand you really can achieve better results by working together toward a common goal. We will be spending the rest of the quarter focused on cooperation and running. Our common goal is to have each student able to comfortably run a mile without stopping! Obviously each student is working at a different pace. We also are working on a pledge song, yoga and relaxation. Please make sure your child has proper gym attire on gym day. Thank you, and go outside and play!! francois@slis.org

High School Students Visiting TFS

On Wednesday we have several students visiting our school from Crossroads College Prep. These Juniors and Seniors and their French teachers will

spend the morning in the three First grade classes reading books and playing cooperative games with the students. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet older students who speak French. This is a great partnership and we expect to have more students visit our school and work with all grade levels.

French Classes for Parents

French Classes for parents will start the Thursday after Thanksgiving. Mme Sabrina, Mme Virginia and M. Jehan will be the instructors for this class. If you signed up, you will be receiving an email in the next week with more details. It is going to be a great time to get together, have fun, and learn some French. We have many beginners, and lots of parents with a few years of French in their distant past. Your children do it each day, now you can too!

SLLIS YARD SIGN!

You can be the first on your block to show off the SLLIS Yard Signs. Available now, these signs advertise our amazing school and help get the word out for enrollment. How can you get a sign? If you happen to be at the school, you can stop by the enrollment desk on the second floor and pick up one.

OR You can E-mail anne@slis.org, request a sign, send us your address, and we will DELIVER a sign to your yard!



Mme Danielle's class having fun.

School Advisory Committee

We will be selecting our three parents for the SAC next week. Here are the guidelines:

1. We will elect one parent per grade.
2. Parents will be allowed to cast one vote per child.
3. Parents will only vote for the representative from their child's grade(s).
4. All "candidates" need to submit a 3-5 sentence reason for wanting to participate on the committee.
5. All entries must be received by Saturday November 13th.
6. Ballots will go home on Monday.
7. Ballots will consist of candidate's name, their student's name, and their 3-5 sentence reason for being on the SAC.
8. All Ballots must be returned by Friday November 20th.
9. Selections will be published in the weekly newsletter.
10. Our first meeting will be scheduled before winter break.

IMPORTANT INFO

- Remember to get to school on time. We begin at 8:40.
- Formal days are Mondays in the French School.
- PLEASE put your child's name in all clothing. It all LOOKS the same.
- Please DO NOT let your child bring toys to school. These are a giant distraction for everyone and end up being confiscated by the principal.
- We discourage eating candy at school. Please pack healthy food for your kids.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11-09 Parents' Assembly Meeting 6:00
- 11-10 Master Facilities Public Planning Session 1- Design Philosophy
- 11-11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11-18 TFS Beaujolais Nouveau Night at SLLIS 7pm