



## ALL WORK & NO PLAY MAKES JAQUES... NOT A TFS STUDENT!

### Keeping Grandparents In the Loop

We know that grandparents want to know what's going on with their little ones, and we are happy to include them on our mailing lists. Please submit their preferred contact method (mail or email) to Rachel at [rachel.dsouza-siebert@sllis.org](mailto:rachel.dsouza-siebert@sllis.org).

### Say CHEESE!

French School Picture Days are November 14 & 15. Please send your child to school in **full uniform**, including his/her blazer. If you do not have a blazer, we will provide one.

### Intern Host Families STILL NEEDED!

SLLIS would like to invite more interns for *next semester* to add to the wonderful work that our current interns are doing. However, we do not currently have enough host families to house them! We are also looking for hosts for our current interns for next semester.

Or, want to get involved in a different way? We're still looking for a TFS Host Family Coordinator. We want YOU!

Please contact Molly Koebbe or Brenda Butler to express your interest or ask any questions you might have about this wonderful opportunity! Email [sllispainterns@gmail.com](mailto:sllispainterns@gmail.com).

### Dear TFS Violinists & Pianists,

I am extremely proud of your musical accomplishments, which were so beautifully showcased at last week's recital. You each played with sensitivity and poise. Keep up the fantastic work.

Sincerely,

Ludwig V. Beethoven



# Bullying:

## How we define it at TFS and what we're doing about it.

Bullying is the talk at the water cooler both nationally and in our own school community. As educators, our response to bullying affects our students' lives. The first step for our school in addressing this challenge is to develop a collective operating definition of bullying that fits our needs and beliefs as a school. We have been examining this phenomenon at school and have come up with an understandable definition.

Bullying involves a desire to hurt + hurtful action + a power imbalance + (typically) repetition + an unjust use of power + evident enjoyment by the aggressor and a sense of being oppressed on the part of the victim.

Our second and third grade students are participating in weekly bully lessons that teach skills to deal with bullying both individually and as a group. Our goal is that all students develop what we might call "democratic" skills. These skills include:

-Seeing one's self as a worthy individual and a capable member of the class and school

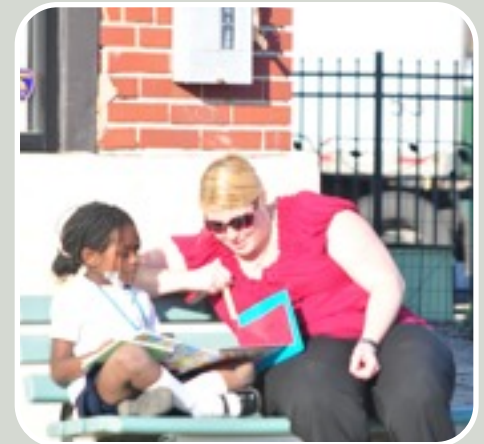
-Expressing strong emotions in non-hurting ways  
-Solving problems ethically and intelligently  
-Being understanding of the feeling and viewpoints of others  
-Working cooperatively in groups, with acceptance of the differences among members

While we know that it is natural for all children to experiment with social interactions while learning about their world, the French School does not tolerate bullying in any form. We view instances of bullying and conflict as opportunities to teach all students. Consequences for instances of bullying will always include conversations between the parties involved and an adult at school.

According to Swearer et al. (2008), the traditional punitive and reactive responses to bullying, such as zero-tolerance policies and security equipment and personnel, often cause problem behaviors to increase rather than diminish. Such responses are also not effective ways to improve school climate or academic engagement.

Our consequences for policy violations around bullying instead include remediation that helps our students understand the incident and practice prosocial behaviors. The consequences will escalate to potential suspension in attempt to break a certain pattern of behavior. It is essential that all students report incidents to adults immediately so that we may respond to this negative behavior as it develops.

Have a great week,  
Conrad



### 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.
- Each student has been issued a student ID. This should go to school with your student.
- Please do NOT park on Papin St. during dismissal.
- AMIGOS Y AMIS ends November 18th (this semester).

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/1 Monthly PA Meeting, 6pm
- 11/10 Free screening of *The Lottery*, 6-8pm
- 11/11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- 11/14-15 TFS School Picture Day
- 11/18 Last day of Amigos y Amis
- 11/23-25 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break