

TFS NEWS



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TFS students are Thinkers, *always connecting what they learn!*

Save the Date for *Fete d'Immersion*

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual First Grade Immersion Celebration on February 24, 2012 at 1:30pm.

Fete d'Immersion is celebrated eighteen months into our first graders' French education. At this time, the students pledge to speak only French!

Festivities include include songs, slideshow, and a ceremonial bridge crossing. All parents are welcome to attend this important French School milestone.

For more information, or to help with the event, contact Toni Peebles at tonianpeebles@gmail.com.

Save the Date for *Fete du Livre*

The book fair will give students an opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and parents a great one-stop shop for French language books.

The fair kicks off with a costume day on Thursday, February 16. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book. The book fair sale opens for parents after school from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m..

Fete du Livre activities include crafts, stories, games, and face painting.

The book fair will be open during the day on Friday, in the gym while conferences are held. There will be a reading corner for children while parents shop for books.

You can also support your child's classroom and our library by buying books. Wish lists will be available at the sale to help with your selection. Questions? Contact Carol Wilmes at catholiccampus@yahoo.com.

Parents, we're asking that you donate one hour of volunteer time to

help with TFS Literacy efforts. To sign up, please use the following website: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/442345634309820013>.

Donations for a TFS Family

Merci beaucoup! Thank you to all families who brought donations. We are still accepting donations for a family in our TFS community that has experienced a house fire. They are accepting the following donation items: gas cards, uniform pieces in sizes 5-7, girls' shoes (size 12), boys' shoes (size 8), boys' clothes size 3T, coats, gift cards, books and toys. Please contact emilie@slis.org with questions.

Looking for one more Host Family

The French School needs *one more* family to host an intern. If you were waiting for the right time, it is now! Please contact Molly Koebbe at molly@koebbe.org.

From the Social Work Corner: Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect in Schools

All staff within the SLLIS community – and any school community – are mandated reporters by the State of Missouri. This means that if a student tells a staff member about abuse or neglect that happened or is happening to them, or physical marks are shown to a staff member, the staff member is legally required by the State to report it to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline. Child abuse is defined as any physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse inflicted on a child other than by accidental means. Neglect is defined as the failure to provide proper or necessary support, education, nutrition, medical, surgical, or other care necessary for the child's well being.

As stated in the SLLIS Student and Family Policies Handbook (pages 41-44), school personnel will not notify the student's parents that a report has been made if, in the judgment of school officials, notifying the parent could jeopardize the health or safety of the student. The Head of School

or School Social Worker will make the report to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline. If neither party is able to do so, the employee is legally required to make the call him/herself, and the Head of School or School Social Worker will be notified. It is not the job of school staff to be detectives, but rather to fulfill the legal requirement and report the concern. Therefore, in no event will a case of child abuse, either evident or suspect, go unreported.

It is important to know that most cases of child abuse and neglect that are reported result in a visit from a Children's Division worker with the child(ren) and parent(s), which is followed by the offering of resources and extra support for the family, not the removal of the child from the home.

If you have any further questions about mandated reporters or the reporting of child abuse and neglect, please contact SLLIS school social worker Emilie Lytton at 314.533.0975 or by email at emilie@sllis.org.



PYP Learner of the Week

Ella Reimer, 1st grade:
OPEN-MINDED

Ella accepts and embraces other points of view. Ella is consistently patient and kind toward *all* of her classmates!

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 arrival or dismissal.
- Amigos y Amis ends on Friday, June 8th.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/16 Fete du Livre, 4-7pm
- 2/17 TFS Book Fair
- 2/17 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 2/15 Coffee with Conrad, 9a.m.
- 2/21 TFS SAC Meeting
- 2/24 Fete d'Immersion