

École Saint-Landry

# Le journal des lions

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## Back to School!

By directrice, Lindsay Smythe

We were so happy to welcome our new and returning faces to École Saint-Landry earlier this month. In addition to our 50 returning students from last year, we welcomed 53 new kinder students, 12 new 1st graders, and 3 new 2nd graders. On behalf of our entire school staff, we thank you for choosing our school and French immersion as the educational journey for your child(ren).

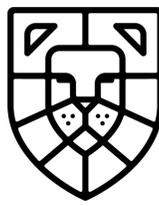
Over the summer, we added two new classroom spaces to our four existing classrooms, plus we're about 75% done with two new bathrooms for our two new classrooms. Once the bathrooms are finished, we'll have a parent night so everyone can tour our new facilities.

We're so fortunate to have back all of our teachers from last year: Anthony Donze (K), Sandrine Pouzache (K), Sylvie Collodel (1st), and Connie Bowen (K ELA). We also welcome our new teachers: Ibrahima Sarr (K), Yaëlle Pêcher (1st), Lainey Pickett (2nd), and Wendy Thibodeaux (1st/2nd ELA). To learn more about our new teachers, please check our our social media pages, as we did a feature on each of them recently.

Our returning students have continued to impress me with how much French they remembered after the summer break, and our new students are learning so much each day. I hope they're signing their classroom songs and showing off their new skills at home as well. Their English classes are also going very well, and we're excited about the progress they'll make this year.

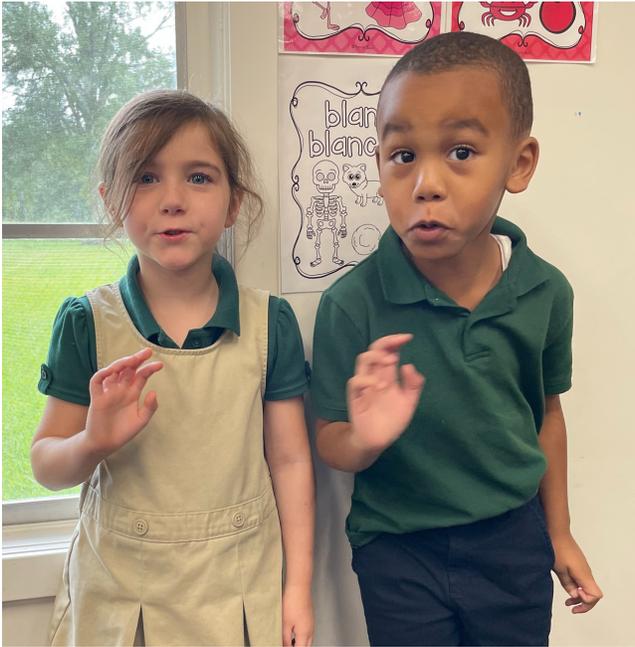
Please continue to check Klassly to stay the most updated as possible on what's going on at school, and don't hesitate to reach out with questions.





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**Our mouths sure do have to make some funny shapes while we're learning to pronounce foreign sounds!**

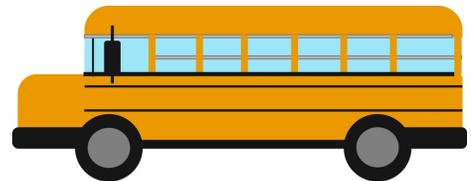
## Settling In

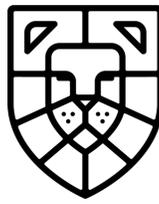
This is such an intense time for everyone. Parents, kids, and teachers alike have to get used to new schedules, new people, and new places. New students and teachers also have to get used to a new language!

But despite the difficulty of all these changes, there are so many positives about going back to school. Returning students re-discover old friends they made last year, and are surprised to find that they haven't forgotten their French over the summer. New students are quickly making new friends and retaining so much information that, after only three weeks of school, they're already just as quick to answer questions as their classmates.



Remember to get your children to bed earlier and to provide them more outside play time and quiet play time away from screens throughout the school year, but especially during these first weeks to help them adjust and let their brains rest. They will learn faster and enjoy school more.





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## Le lion de la semaine

Next month we'll be announcing the Lion of the Week. These students are chosen based on exceptional good behavior and application to our school goals of being on task, responsible, respectful, and careful. They are also the students who are making the most progress, who are the most helpful to their teachers and classmates, or otherwise set an example for all other students.



Lions of the Week will be photographed and posted on the outside of the door to the main office so everyone can see. They'll also be announced on the school Facebook page and Instagram account, and they will be interviewed for a special spot in the monthly newsletter. Lions of the Week get to wear a satin sash all week long too, and get more class responsibilities. We encourage all students to strive to be the Lion of the Week.

*Lion's  
Pride*

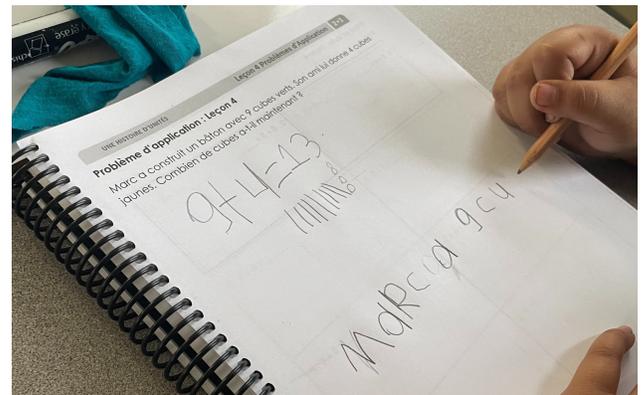


## School Lunch Reminder

Please remember not to send peanut butter, seafood, candy, chips, and sugary drinks to school with your child for lunch. Students who bring their own lunches are welcome to a free school lunch and encouraged to take it, and they are all allowed to eat as much or as little as they wish.

If you would like to know what your children are being served, the St. Landry Parish School Board decides the menu and posts it to their website. You may find that information here:

<https://www.slpsb.org/page/breakfast-and-lunch-menus>





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## PBIS Store!

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Implementation System. The students all start each day with 3 tokens. Throughout the day, they can earn or lose tokens based on their behavior. The tokens can then be spent on toys and trinkets at our twice-monthly boutique. Parent volunteers run the store and it's an extra special treat for the kids to be able to see mom and dad and show off how many tokens they've earned in class!



Kori shows off a mini elephant plushie she bought with her good behavior tokens. Wyatt is having a hard time choosing from so many cool toys!



First graders are so excited about learning to read!



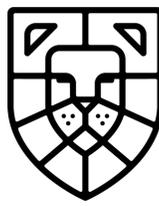
Students in M. Ibrahim's class show off their singing skills!

## School Picture Day

School picture day with Petry Photography is coming up on Thursday, September 8th. Students have a free dress day that day and should wear their favorite outfits for their yearbook photos! You will all be receiving order packets in your child's take-home folder very soon, and you'll also be able to order extra pictures online once they're ready, if you prefer. Also, we start the pictures very early, so be sure your child is on time.



Puzzles are a great way to wind down in Lion Care after a long day of school!



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## Continuing French at Home

You can easily help your child continue learning at home. Just switching the language to French for one episode of their favorite cartoon, for example, will help your child's brain get used to transitioning to French, and maybe even teach them some extra vocabulary! And there are tons of French videos for kids on YouTube that are easy to understand.

Listening to music is another fun way to get them hearing more French at home. Some of the songs they have been enjoying in music class are:

On écrit sur les murs--Kids United

La meilleure--Wejdene

Est-ce que tu m'aimes?--Maître Gims

Pour de vrai--Vianney

Older children can find videos with lyrics and pause them to see which words they recognize. Try to get your kids to do this and write down the words they know on one page, and the words they don't know on another page. You can help them to look up the words they don't know so they can learn them to expand their vocabulary.

## Les événements du mois

**Deadline for Spirit Shirt Orders  
Friday, September 2nd**

**École Saint-Landry Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 6th**

**Individual School Photos  
Thursday, September 8th**

## Les mots doux de la semaine

"French school is great. It is so much fun and everyone is so nice."

--Lilly H.

Share your child's feedback by sending an email to us at [info@ecolestlandry.org](mailto:info@ecolestlandry.org) with "Feedback" in the subject line.



## Les anniversaires du mois de septembre

**Honor M. le 1**

**Autumn G. le 4**

**Raniya O. le 6**

**Amelia H. le 7**

**Eysla R. le 13**

**Kenneth F. le 22**

**Angeleah M. le 26**

**Harmony P.-N. le 26**

**Lilah M. le 27**

**Rhya M. le 28**

**Londyn G. le 28**

**Peyton D. le 29**

**Levi P.-N, le 30**

