



École Saint-Landry

# Le journal des lions

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## Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving break will be from November 20th through 24th, returning to school on Monday, November 27th. Although this is a purely American holiday, our students are learning about the cultural and historical significance of “Le jour de l’action de grâce” in their Social Living classes, and about the emotionally empowering practice of gratitude in their SEL classes.

We would love it if you wanted to share your own family traditions with us! This could be as simple or as artistic as you’d like to make it, but if you would like to send pictures of your holiday, or have your child present to his or her class about some of the special traditions you share, we would appreciate the extra time spent! Do you have a special person you invite every year? A special dish you prepare in honor of a loved one who has passed? A certain recipe your family has been making for generations that most people don’t know? A special game or craft you do every year in your family?

## Un quart heure de lecture

On Monday, October 30th, our students participated in the “Un quart heure de lecture” (A Quarter Hour of Reading) event to kick off “My French Book Fest” with L’Alliance Française de la Nouvelle Orléans (the New Orleans French Alliance). All classes stopped what they were working on at the designated time and read in French for fifteen minutes. Schools posted their photos under the hashtags #MyFrenchBookFest and #LachePas.

The main goal of this widespread event was to encourage reading alone, to facilitate access to books, and to further develop the concept of learning French for fun. École students really enjoyed the moment of calm, and they did such a great job reading!

If you can encourage your child to continue reading at home, whether in French or in English, or both, please do. It is an invaluable passion to develop.



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## Pumpkin Patch Visit

Our first graders enjoyed a French-language guided tour of the Ephantasy Opelousas pumpkin patch. They learned all about pumpkins and how they grow, played fun games, tried to lift huge pumpkins, saw some really tiny ones, did art projects, and got to each leave with their own pumpkin. They had a great time and returned to school in time for lunch and their afternoon classes.

## Halloween and Trunk-or-Treat

Many thanks to our PTO for organizing our annual Trunk-or-Treat and to all our parents who participated, either by decorating their trunk or by coming in costume.





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## Children's Museum of Acadiana

Our Kindergarteners had a blast at the Children's Museum of Acadiana. Their favorite part was play-acting different professions like building contractor, veterinarian, paramedic, grocery store clerk, and more. They then enjoyed a picnic lunch in Parc Sans Souci before returning to school for a well-earned and much-needed nap after such a fun morning.



George is ready to build a house.

Raniya cares for a sick dog.

The class picnic got a thumbs-up from Raiden.

## October is Anti-Bullying Month

Our second and third graders were treated to a special anti-bullying presentation, Drop the BEAT (Bullying Ends After Talking). Different elements of Hip-Hop culture were used to address different types of bullying present in the lives of today's youth. Students were invited to express their personal experiences, concerns, and offer advice while the teaching artist guided them and entertained them with DJing, MCing and breakdancing.



ACA artist Jude Romero DJs, breakdances, and talks with students.



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## Social and Emotional Learning

We've asked Mrs. Jessica to start a regular column in our newsletter to share SEL tips she's been working on in her classes.

### SEL Themes for the Month

- Responsible decision-making
- Self-awareness
- Relationship skills

Responsible decision-making has been an ongoing topic, more so with our older grades. We have been talking about how important it is to make the right decisions, thinking before acting. Even at a young age, making responsible decisions is very important for the future.

Self-Awareness is letting the students understand their own thoughts, feelings, values, beliefs, and actions. They are exploring who they are, what they want, how they feel. They are learning that it's ok to feel bad on some days, and understanding why they do the things they do.

For the littles, the idea of relationship skills was broken down for better understanding. We discussed developing friendships, listening to the feelings of our friends, playing fair, and being honest.

## Fait maison\*

This is going to be a new regular section in our newsletter. If you have anything special happening at home that you want to share, or anything fun you'd like to share with us about a trip, a new sibling, a good hunt, a prize won, a dance recital, a family recipe, a favorite restaurant or playground, or anything else, please send a picture and short description to [ssavoy@ecolestlandry.com](mailto:ssavoy@ecolestlandry.com) to have it included here.

We hope that you and your family will get some ideas of fun things to do from this section, and also that sharing pictures from outside of school will help to continue to establish a strong sense of community among our school families.



Here is 2nd grader Matt celebrating his 8th birthday in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 10th for the 51st annual balloon fiesta. Matt and his family had to get up at 5 a.m. to see the 550 hot air balloons from all over the world. Each had its country's flag attached to the bottom of the balloon, and there were different competitions among some of them.

**\*Fait maison means "homemade" in French**



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## Petit déjeuner des papas

Merci to everyone who was able to attend our dad's breakfast. We were so happy to see so many different faces and to talk to our dads, uncles, grandfathers, cousins, and parrains. We hope to see y'all again very soon, and much more often!



## Les événements du mois

**First Grade Field Trip 11/5**

**French Book Fair 11/10**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences 11/14-11/16**

**Parenting Workshop with Stacey Lopez 11/16**

**BearMobile 11/17**

**Thanksgiving Break 11/20-11/24**

**School Improvement Team Meeting 11/28**

## Les anniversaires du mois de novembre

**Avalynn Reed**

**Bryce Sam**

**Remy Franchebois**

**Annie Guidroz**

**Sylvia Miller**

**Cécile Rabalais**

**Nico Myers**

**Rhilynn Mudd**

**Paisley Broussard**

**Penelope Boquet**

**Daevin Milton**

**Braedyn Sonnier**

**Shawn Carrier**

**Hunter Singleton**

