Ruppel Academie Française

February/March 2025

Newsletter

What a historic week for south Louisiana! I hope that you all found time to pause and enjoy the joy and wonder of a snow day. Now that we have returned to school, we're back to work and have not a moment to waste. Please check JCampus weekly and Google Classroom regularly for updates regarding instruction and how to support your child. Additionally, be sure to read the teacher's weekly newsletter or the daily agenda that your child brings home.

Thank you to the many families who supported this year's Annual Donation Drive! Receipts will be sent home this week.

SUPER-Week! Since the Superbowl is in town, Super-week will be February 3-7. Please see the flyer to learn more about the SUPER fun we will be having.

LEAP INFORMATION: We will be hosting LEAP Testing Information Meetings for all families of third through eighth graders VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, March 11. **The meeting is mandatory for the parents of third graders**.

There are TWO SESSION OPTIONS. Only join one meeting session of the two listed below.
Session 1) 8:30 A.M. or
Session 2) 6:00 P.M.

Use this link to join: https://meet.google.com/jqo-dhca-sbi

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Although we endeavor throughout the entire year to learn about and celebrate African American history, we will celebrate Black History Month in February with the kindergarten parade recognizing notable contributions of various African Americans. Additionally, we will have a Black History Month dress down day on Tuesday, February 18. There is no cost to dress down. Please refer to the dress down guidelines in the handbook. No shorts allowed except uniform shorts.

VALENTINE'S DAY: Valentine's Day will be on Friday, February 14. We are not hosting any class parties or selling candy-grams, but we will recognize the importance of kindness and a caring world. Please follow the directions below regarding Valentine's Day:

PK through 4th Grade will have a traditional Valentine exchange.

- Parents are to send one Valentine card for each child in the class.
- Write only YOUR OWN CHILD'S name on the card. Leave the *From* portion of the Valentine blank.
- The homeroom teacher will provide you with a class total in the upcoming newsletter.
- We are asking for only a card. **If the card comes with an item, it can only be a SINGLE item attached to the card.** (For example: a pencil, a single piece of candy, etc)
- Sealed pre-packaged items only. No homemade items.
- Parents may NOT send goodie, bags, treat bags, or class snacks.
- All items will be placed in a bag and sent home to families.
- If these directions are not followed, the items will be sent back home with the child.

5th through 8th graders are not participating in a Valentine exchange.

- Students may not bring any items or cards to school on Valentine's day to exchange with others.
- The teachers have coordinated a Valentine for each 5th through 8th grader.

MARDI GRAS: Carnival season in New Orleans is unlike any other tradition in the world, and Ruppel will celebrate! Students may wear a Mardi Gras shirt or a purple, green, or yellow shirt in place of the uniform shirt on the following Wednesdays: January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 19, and 26. These are NOT dress down days.

Students may dress down for the annual kindergarten Mardi Gras parade on Thursday, February 27 for no charge.

All students will attend the kindergarten parade on February 27, and the PTO will host a Chick-fil-a sale that day. The campus will not be open for guests to view the parade.

We do not do "king cake Fridays" after kindergarten, so please do not send king cakes unless your child is in PK or K and those teachers have asked you to send the weekly cake. First through eighth graders will participate in Mardi Gras celebrations the week February 24, and the school will provide a king cake celebration for each first through eighth grade homeroom that week.

INTERIM REPORTS: Interim reports will be sent home on Tuesday, February 11, and the signed interim report is to be returned by Friday, February 14. Failure to return the signed copy will result in lunch detention.

PARENT CONFERENCE: Parent conferences for Jefferson Parish Schools will be held virtually on March 19-21. Some families will receive a priority pre-scheduled appointment from the teacher. Other families will get a link to use Sign-Up Genius to schedule a time. These times are the only ones that will be available. If one of those times does not work, please contact the teacher to set up an alternative time another week. Conferences are limited to 7 minutes per child, and it is important that families are on-time. There is no in-person conference option offered by JP schools this year as per the district calendar.

PARADE PARTY: We will host a parade viewing party on Sunday, March 30. A flyer with details will be sent home soon. This is a huge event in Gretna, so we hope to see many families on the parade route.

SMOOTHIE KING SALE: The PTO will be hosting the final two Smoothie King Days of the year. Be sure to check your email for a receipt to confirm that you child's order was placed.

Wednesday, February 12- Orders must be placed on **SchoolCashOnline no later than 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5.**

Wednesday, March 19- Orders must be placed on **SchoolCashOnline no later than 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12.**

CITY PARK NIGHT: Our annual City Park Night will be on Thursday, April 17 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. This is the day before the spring break holiday, so we hope to see many families. The flyer with additional details will be sent home at the beginning of March.

VALENTINE Do's and Don't's

Acceptable for PK through 4th Graders:

Valentine with a SINGLE serving item in original packaging. Please avoid products with nuts.













Valentine with single pencil or sticker

Not Acceptable: Boxes or bags of candy, goodie bags, trays of food to hand out, home-made food items









