Ruppel Academie Francaise

November/ December 2025 Newsletter

The month of October did not disappoint! Thank you to those of you who attended the Trunk-r-Treat; donated candy, soft drinks, or pumpkins; volunteered; and/or contributed to Spirit Week. Because of the generous support of countless families, the PTO raised approximately $5000 at Trunk-r-Treat. Those funds go into Ruppel's PTO account, and the PTO board will communicate with families about how they intend to use the funds raised. I want to offer on behalf of Ruppel a huge thanks to the PTO board members, Ms. Darlene, Ms. Myers, Mrs. Loisel, and the employee and parent volunteers who made Trunk-R-Treat possible. It was a wonderful community event, but it would not have been possible without their help.

UPCOMING EVENTS: As we head into the holiday season, we have many fun events planned for students. The food drive competition will be held November 4-14 to benefit the Gretna Food Bank, and the homeroom that acquires the most non-perishable items will get a dress down. The homeroom teachers and students are also participating in our annual holiday wreath decorating contest. Each class will display the wreath throughout the holiday season and will present their wreath during homeroom announcements. Our school Elf (not to be confused with one of Santa's elves) will be named soon and will be up to silly holiday antics again this year.

PTO NEWS: The PTO is hosting Smoothie King days on November 18 (purchase deadline November 11), December 2 (purchase deadline November 20), and December 19 (purchase deadline December 11).

The next PTO meeting will be on November 20 at 5:00 at this link: https://meet.google.com/try-ddpq-rdk

ACADEMIC UPDATES: Interim reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 19 and are due back signed by Friday, November 22. Additionally, the second quarter will be concluding before we know it. Teachers are submitting grades before the winter break, so be sure that your child is keeping up with his/her assignments. It is important to check JCampus at least once a week for patterns of incomplete grades.

Benchmark two assessments (3rd-8th science and S/S; 4th – 8th ELA and math) will be administered starting December 8, which count as a major assessment grade. Finally, kindergarten through 3rd graders will be taking the middle of the year (MOY) literacy and numeracy assessments starting on December 1. This assessment is intended to track progress and does not count as a grade.

K-2 Literacy Night: We will be hosting a Literacy Night for the parents of kindergarten through third grade students on Thursday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. This will be an in-person event held in the cafeteria, and we will also stream it at this link: **https://meet.google.com/pfa-hpnh-ovr**

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: On Friday, December 19, the students will get to enjoy a Pajama Holiday Celebration. This dress down is free of charge, and the teachers will be sending more specific details in up-coming communication. Parents may not send class gifts or treats for the holidays.

CLASS PICTURE DAY will take place on Thursday, December 18. Students should be dressed nicely in proper uniform. MillerFoto will email parents directly about purchasing pictures. This will also be make-up picture day for those students who were absent on picture day in August.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS dress down days will be Tuesday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 16. Students may dress down on these days if they bring $1 in the VIP folder. Shorts are not allowed on dress down days unless they are the uniform shorts.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: We want to perk up the building for the holiday season like we did for fall, so we're asking for donations of medium poinsettia plants for the front steps. If you sign-up, please drop off donation during carpool on Tuesday, December 2. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BACA828A5FC1-58184743-holiday