Ruppel Academie Française

February/March 2026

Newsletter

Burr! What a cold snap we've had! I hope you have all been warm and safe during this winter blast that we've experienced.

During February and March, we will continue to focus on maximizing instructional time in preparation for the literacy, numeracy, and LEAP state assessments that will be administered in April and May. 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! It was a huge success, and we raised approximately $7000 for the school that will directly support students and operational needs.

STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION: Standardized testing is critical, and parents should ensure that students are at school on time daily unless it is a documented emergency.

- The state literacy and numeracy tests will be administered to K-3rd graders starting on April 1.
- The LEAP test will be administered to 3rd-8th graders April 20-May 1. (Details to follow)
- Eighth graders will take the English I LEAP April 9-10.
- The AAPPL French proficiency assessment will be administered to 3rd-8th graders May 5-6.
- K-2nd graders will take post-assessments starting on May 4

We will be hosting LEAP Testing Information Meetings for all families of third through eighth graders VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting is mandatory for the parents of third graders.

Use this link to join: https://meet.google.com/wqn-cffm-vsz

BENCHMARK TESTING: Remember that benchmark tests are major test grades. Be sure your child is at school and on time.

- K-3rd graders will take Benchmark 2 February 9-11 in ELA and math.
- 3rd-8th Graders will take Benchmark 3 (science & S/S) starting on February 26.
- 4th-8th graders will take Benchmark 3 (ELA & Math) starting February 26.

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 24. There is no cost to dress down. Please refer to the dress down guidelines in the handbook. No shorts allowed except uniform shorts.

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 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11. These are NOT dress down days.

Students may dress down for the annual kindergarten Mardi Gras parade on Friday, February 6 for no charge.

- No shorts unless uniform shorts, tennis shoes required, shirt must have sleeves, leggings required under skirts or dresses.
- Hats, sunglasses, headbands, glitter & other carnival flare encouraged.
- Masks are not allowed

All students will attend the kindergarten parade on Friday, February 6, and the PTO will host a bake sale and Chick-fil-A sale that day. The campus will not be open for guests to view the parade. (Refer to January 28 email for details)

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 9, and the school will provide a king cake celebration for each first through eighth grade homeroom that week.

Students and employees do not have school February 13-20 for the Mardi Gras holiday.

VALENTINE'S DAY will occur while we are on Mardi Gras break, so there will be no events on campus for Valentine's Day.

INTERIM REPORTS: Interim reports will be sent home on Wednesday, February 11, and the signed interim report is to be returned by Monday, February 23. Failure to return the signed copy will result in lunch detention.

REPORT CARDS: Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 25, and the signed envelope is to be returned by Friday, March 27. 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 18-20. Some families will receive a priority pre-scheduled appointment from the teacher.

PARADE PARTY: We will host a parade viewing party on Sunday, March 8. 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.

CITY PARK NIGHT: Our annual City Park Night will be on Thursday, April 2 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.

PTO MEETING: The next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. Please join using this link: https://meet.google.com/hdh-iamk-crh