RUPPEL ACADEMIE FRENCAISE

April/May 2026 Newsletter

Believe it or not, the end of the year is almost here! This will be the last newsletter of the school year, and it is full of important information to print and save. Please take a moment to reflect upon the growth your child has experienced this year. Consider the skills and knowledge he/she had at the beginning of the year compared to his/her current level. That growth is the result of the tireless efforts of families, the instructional staff, and the support staff who ensure Ruppel is functioning with a focus on teaching and learning.

As we approach the end of the year, students will have the opportunity to "show off" their academic growth. All students will have some form of post-assessment starting in April and continuing through mid-May. The testing calendar for April and May is attached again for you to review. I am confident that these assessments will be concrete evidence of student growth.

CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS: Congratulations to the following sixth through eighth graders for maintaining an "A" average throughout this year and earning recognition at the Superintendent's "A" Celebration of Champions on April 30:

6th graders- **Payton Cherry, Riley Hart, Krystal Nguyen, Lily Roubion**

8th graders- **Jose Acosta, Arian Bozes, Erine Laurent, Kaleb Lopez, Lillian Nguyen, Taylor Vo**

CITY PARK NIGHT: This is our last family event of the year, and it is a favorite! City Park Night will be on Thursday, April 2 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Every person who enters must purchase a wristband. Please refer to the flyer for details.

INTERIM REPORTS: Interim reports will be sent home on Wednesday, April 15, and the signed interim report is to be returned by Friday, April 17. Failure to return the signed copy will result in lunch detention.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK is May 4-8, and we will take time that week to celebrate all school employees. Please take a moment to think about how you can express appreciation for the many dedicated staff members and teachers who ensure that your child is safe, cared for, and provided the best quality instruction. Keep in mind that your child encounters countless employees outside of the classroom including bus drivers, cafeteria staff, maintenance staff, itinerant teachers, and office staff. The expression of gratitude does not have to be costly and could be as simple as a heartfelt note. In addition to thanking your child's teacher, it would be a kind gesture to send an offering of appreciation to one support employee who might not otherwise get recognized.

END-OF-YEAR ASSESSMENTS: Please see the attached calendar for EOY assessments.

These EOY assessments are extremely important for a variety of reasons, so absences in April and May should be for emergencies only. When students are absent, teachers have to adjust the child's schedule to accommodate make-ups, which is more challenging at the end of the year with all the events already on the calendar. Failure to complete make-up assessments in a timely manner can delay the posting of grades, which can also affect whether a child is recognized properly on awards day.

SPIRIT DAY: To celebrate the end of the year, we will host "Spirit Day" on Friday, May 15. All students will enjoy field day activities and time to relax with friends. Additional details about Spirit Day will be sent home soon.

The PTO is again generously purchasing field day shirts for each child in the class color. Use the following order form to select the size for your child no later than Wednesday, April 8.

https://forms.gle/tVwdeS4763b6a3Qc7

Students who have not completed all nine weeks assessments and required post-tests will have to complete those before participating in Spirit Day/Field Day activities on May 15.

YEARBOOKS: Yearbook orders must be placed online directly with the publisher by April 15. The link to order is https://bit.ly/RAYEARBOOK

EOY CEREMONIES: The PK Breakfast will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m., and the Kindergarten Ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. The Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. The ceremonies will be held in the cafeteria, and each PK, kindergarten, and eighth grade student may invite TWO guests to attend. Additional details will be sent home soon.

Awards day for 1st-4th graders will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m. This event is for students only, but it will be live-streamed for parents at this link: **https://meet.google.com/aox-vwit-tkw**

Awards day for first through 5th-7th graders will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. This event is for students only, but it will be live-streamed for parents at this link: **https://meet.google.com/fvr-iuzm-xoi**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: The last day of school for all students is Thursday, May 21. Dismissal will be at 10:45 a.m. and there will be NO CHILD CARE. Students will get lunch that day and may take the bus or go home in carpool. Be sure the person you send to pick up your child has the carpool tag.

SUMMER 2025: Final report cards will be mailed home after the last day of school. If your child's report card is not received by June 6, please call the school office. The report card envelope will include the Summer Packet containing all the information you need to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, including the uniform policy, school supply list, and back-to-school dates. All of the summer information will also be accessible on the school website in June.

SUMMER WORK PACKETS: It is critical that students stay sharp and exercise their minds and bodies over the summer. The packet must be returned in August and will count as a first quarter test grade. Returning students will get the summer pack in the VIP folder on Monday, May 11. A back-up copy of the packet will be available on the website in June. Lost work packets will not be an excuse for exemption from this minor test grade.

End-of-Year Assessments
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These dates are subject to change. Some students who receive accommodations based on an IAP or IEP may have a testing schedule that differs from this. Attendance for all students in April and May is critical.

April 1-10	Literacy and Numeracy State Assessments (K-3rd)
April 9-10	English I LEAP (8th)
April 20-24	LEAP (6th-8th)
April 27-May 1	LEAP (3rd-5th)
May 4-7	Post-testing (K-2nd)
May 5-6	AAPPL French (3rd-8th)