

Upcoming Events

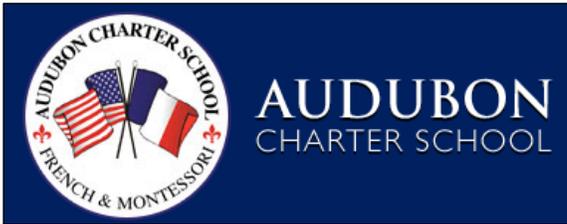
October 27

Think Pink & VOLLEY FOR THE CURE @ Milan Campus
4PM

October 31

Character Dress Up Day @
Broadway

October 2016 RareBird Ed. I



Audubon Parent and Teachers' Organization

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Greetings Member,

Thank you for taking the time to read our first RareBird Newsletter of the academic school year 2016-2017. This publication will serve as a platform for both parents and teachers to voice their opinions and to cover stories pertinent to our children's success here at Audubon Charter School.

The success of this publication depends on the participation of all PTO members. So whenever there is a school event or something marvelous that is happening in the classroom and on the campus, please send pictures and stories to rarebird@audubonpto.org for a chance to have your child's name shine under the spotlight!



WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS WHO BOTH VOLUNTEERED AND ATTENDED FALL FETE 2016! YOU ARE MOST APPRECIATED.

Important Announcement

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- President- Elect
- Fundraising Co-Chair
- Montessori FAME Board Representative
- French FAME Board Representative

All nominations should be sent via email to Sarah Gillen at sarahgillen@yahoo.com by 5 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Please include "PTO Nominations" in the subject line of your email. Self-nominations are allowed. Nominations should include a brief bio of the candidate. The nominations designee will facilitate the development of the ballot. The election will take place at the PTO General Meeting on November 16th at 5:30 at the Broadway Campus cafeteria.

Audubon French Immersion Happenings

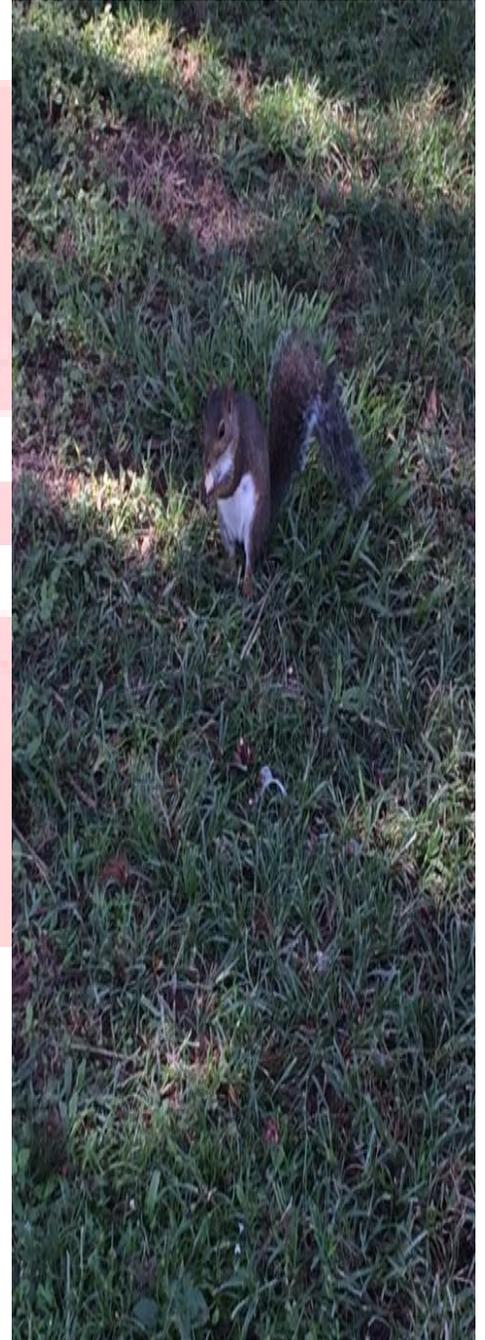
Louisiana Parents for French Immersion – Unite!

On September 24th, parents from several French immersion schools in Louisiana gathered to discuss ways we can be an effective voice in guaranteeing and promoting French immersion for Louisiana children. The meeting convened by the state agency CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana) was held in Baton Rouge and attracted parents from various corners of our state. As the Audubon Charter School parent liaison, I was pleased to meet other engaged parents sharing the same interest in French education.

The issues discussed sounded like echoes of conversations we all had talking to other parents, teachers or attending PTO meetings. Will it be possible for our children to pursue their French immersion at a High School level? What exactly is the background of the teachers certified by CODOFIL? Can there be better information disseminated about the French curriculum? Can there be a streamlined process to facilitate language trips to French-speaking regions (in France, Belgium but also in the French-speaking regions of Canada, in the French Caribbean islands and even within Louisiana French-speaking regions)?, If a French immersion program is struggling somewhere how can it reach out to the other schools for support?

Short of specific answers on each of these topic, we decided first to establish a Facebook platform where everyone can share whatever is important to their French immersion community. Through this platform it is our hope that more parents will become engaged and great ideas will emerge leading to the realization of an actual state-wide organization of parents dedicated to foster French Immersion in our schools. **I invite all of you to check our newly established Facebook page (Louisiana Parents for French Immersion) and add your voice to this new grassroots movement.** This will be the first time a state organization representing our shared interests as parents of children in French immersion has formed.

- *Alexandre Vialou: Father of Pierre (1st Grade) and Joaquim (Pre-K4) in the French Immersion Program*



Rarebird happenings inside and outside of the classroom.

On Friday, Oct. 21, 6th grade Montessori students took a field trip to the WWII Museum. We stopped off to appreciate some local street art while making our way back to the street car.



The French Pre-K classes took a trip to Audubon Park with Mesdames Myriam and Caroline to feed the ducks and study the natural world. How lucky we are to have Audubon Park at our doorstep!!!!



The French third graders (Madame Josephine and Madame Helena) shared their love of reading with the Pre-K classes. They are taking turns reading to them in French and they will continue this throughout the coming weeks.



The Book Fair was the week of Sept. 26-30 at both campuses. Sales totaled over \$15,000. Rarebirds love to READ!!! The Broadway campus hosted Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad during Book Fair Week. Check out these sweet photos of dads sharing the joy of reading with their children

