

Le Journal



Lila Pasadena Newsletter

June 2011 Edition

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Dear Parents,

The school year is over in less than 3 weeks and now is the time for teachers and students to finalize 10 months of learning and living together.

Communicating student progress to parents being a high priority I urge you to meet with your child's teacher. The last Parent teacher conferences for 2010/2011 takes place from Monday June 13th through Thursday June 16th. Teachers will put their schedule on the board so parents can choose a time to meet them.

The year is ending and with it comes some families departure. After being with us for many years all the 5th graders are going to Los Feliz. Most of the other families leaving Lila Pasadena are going back to France, one in New-york, another one in another school in Pasadena. We will miss them and we wish them the best.

There will be some departures and new arrivals among the staff for the 2011/2012 school year. Stéphanie Noel, our preschool B French teacher is leaving Lila and Los Angeles to move to New Caledonia. She will be replaced by Laure Doublier , French credentialed teacher who is teaching this year at Los Feliz. Sylvie Lewkowicz is coming back to Lila Pasadena and will teach the 3rd graders. Since 4th & 5th grades will be split next year, a new English Teacher is coming to Pasadena. Her name is Julia Noh. She is a credentialed teacher. She has been working at the Los Feliz campus for a few months to cover a maternity leave and she has already become part of the LILA team.

The teachers and the students are preparing the June 10th year shows. They all hope that each one of you will be able to come to see their performances and mainly to spend the day at the Kermesse on Saturday June 11th.

You will (I hope) notice on each page of this issue a thought about attendance -lateness and absences- and a whole page related to these sensitive and important issues. I wanted to end this school year by communicating the seriousness of this problem and it's potential implications (and inspiring a feeling of guilt) so that you might start the 2011/2012 school year with a clear conscious having resolved to remedy that feeling come fall.

Thank you all- Students, Staff members and Parents - for your everyday enthusiasm and your ongoing commitment.

Philippe

Dates to Remember

- DRAMA CLUB SHOW
June 6th
- WRITING TO SHARE
June 8th
- P.A. MEETING
June 10th
- END OF YEAR SCHOOL SHOW
June 10th at 4:30pm
 - KERMESSE
June 11th at 11:00am
- PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
June 13th to June 16th
 - SCIENCE WEEK
June 13th to June 16th
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL K & 5th GRADUATION
June 17th

A Huge Thank You
to our Lila Pasadena Gala
Committee who has
worked hard and endlessly
since last September for
the 2011 Lila Gala.

Lori Cucchiaro
Maisun Payne
Salvator Xuereb

*Help to make sure
your child is given
a good start in life
by coming to school
regularly and on time.*

**Students/Families leaving
Lila Pasadena at the end of the
2010/2011 school year**

5th gr. students going to Los Feliz

Tilou Betrancourt

Sergio Cana

Mateo Diez

Diane Erickson

Chloe Huang

Caroline Lewis

Brian Raffenne

4th grade students

Piper Davis going to New-York

Owen Reese going to Westridge

3rd grade student

Noemie Chareyre going to France

1st grade student

Lilian Martinez going to Europe

Prek students

Ian Jullo-Grinblatt going to France

Elliot Chareyre going to France

Preschool student

Gael Guillaumet going to France

Noah Billot going to France

Families leaving Lila Pasadena

Betrancourt Florence & Alain

Cana Ana & Juan Miguel

Diez Alicia & Fernando

Erickson Diane & Ian

Huang Grace & Oscar

Chareyre Benedicte & Fabrice

Davis Bolaji & Kyle

Owen Kristen

Martinez Leticia & Yann

Jullo-Grinblatt Ana & Eric

Guillaumet Raphaelle & Gildas

Billot Delphine & Nicolas

All the best to all of You!

SCIENCE WEEK

FIELD TRIPS

Monday June 13th

Kindergarten

Los Feliz campus

Departure at 8:45am

Tuesday June 14th

3rd, 4th & 5th

Orange campus

Departure at 8:00am

Wednesday June 15th

Preschool A&B

Pre-kindergarten

Los Feliz campus

Departure at 8:45am

Thursday June 16th

1st & 2nd grade

Orange campus

Departure at 8:00am

DON'T FORGET

*Cold lunch

* Bottle of water

* Lila T-shirt

*Hat

* Sun glasses

* Sun scream

DRAMA CLUB SHOW

The drama club who has been working on a play with Catherine Moine will present its show on Monday June 6th at 5:00pm in the Auditorium

GRADUATION

FRIDAY JUNE 17TH

Kindergarten & 5th grade students are graduating on Friday June 17th. Parents must take their children to and from the Friendship Auditorium. Children are expected to be at the Auditorium 30 minutes before the ceremony begins!

- Kindergarten students
10:30am Auditorium opens
11:00am-12:00am Graduation

- 5th grade students
12:15pm Auditorium opens
12:30pm-1:30pm Graduation

Friendship Auditorium:
3201 Riverside Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90028
(213) 665 1154

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Monday June 13th

- PSB -1:15 to 4:30pm
- 1stB-1 to 6pm
- 4th/5th -1 to 6pm

Tuesday June 14th

- PK from 1 to 5pm

Wednesday June 15th

- PSA -1:30 to 4:30pm
- 1stA -1 to 4:30pm
- 2nd from 1 to 6pm

Thursday June 16th

- K from 1 to 6pm
- 3rd from 1 to 6pm



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ATTENDANCE LATENESS & ABSENCES

As of today the Lila Pasadena campus totals 600 absences.

I am not counting the amount of lateness because frankly, our campus is record breaking!

If a child arrives late the whole class is disrupted and the teacher has to repeat the same things over and over again losing valuable teaching time.

Daily attendance is essential to success.

Tardiness is not beneficial for your child. This is because classroom work starts at the moment the bell rings, and if your child isn't there, they will miss what may be important information. They may miss learning something new and he/she will have to catch up later.

Repeated tardiness and absences can cause your child to fall behind.

*Punctuality & good attendance
will always be important at school now & later at work.*

This isn't what any parent would want for their child. Much of the time, tardiness and absences may not be the fault of the child, at least in the elementary grades. After all, young children may be able to get up and get ready for school—but, they cannot drive themselves to school.

Parents need to take charge and understand how important it is for kids in every grade to go to school every day. Being absent and tardy is acceptable if absolutely necessary, but it should be avoided whenever possible. Time management is difficult for anyone. Why not learn how to manage time and make life much more manageable now, in the early years? Being late makes one appear uncommitted and unreliable.

Sometimes it is the simplest ideas like this that evade us.

Arriving early will boost your child's confidence for the day, and set them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievement.

Regular tardiness is often symptomatic of anxiety caused by social and familial pressure to succeed/excel. Psychologists agree that "tardiness as a bad habit, is often picked up during school years, as a first competitive experience for a child."

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PA Meeting Minutes– Friday May 13th , 2011

Present at the meeting: Susan Debonne, Shaheen Davis, Florence Delva, Martha House, Nathalie Chapple, Mark Trotoux, Francois Morrissette, Philippe Detzen

Bon Voyage Movie Night Friday May 20

This movie night is a farewell for LILA families that are moving on at the end of the school year. Come join us for the last movie night of the year. Free child care after school. 6 PM: cocktails; dinner at 6:30 PM. Barbecue and salad will be on the menu. Pasta and salad will be provided for children. Families should bring a dessert to share. Tickets will be \$20 for adults; \$5 for children. Your ticket will include one glass of wine. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Mark and Olivia will arrange movies for the children and will announce them a week ahead of time. Jacques Barreau will be playing that evening; parents are welcome to bring their guitars, drums, etc for some improvisational music-making as well. We will have a sign up sheet for volunteers; we especially need help in serving food and cleanup afterwards so please consider helping out. Please RSVP by Wednesday May 18 and indicate vegetarian if necessary.

Kermesse Sturday June 11th

This event is the big end of the year carnival for the school. This is a fun family day that the kids really look forward to each year. There are a variety of games (with prizes!) and good food for sale. Funds raised this day will be used to enhance the Pasadena campus athletic program. New games are in progress and some old favorites will return. Parent volunteers are CRITICAL for the success of this event. This year, volunteer duties will be assigned by classroom. Each class will be responsible for manning a particular volunteer activity. The room parents will arrange volunteers from among classes for the day. There will also be some separate volunteer activities (setup, breakdown and buffet setup) that will be available during the week prior to the event. Rebecca DuPont will coordinate the volunteers, so she should have all volunteer lists by Thursday June 9. It is very important to sign up for as many of these items as possible because this will insure the success of the event. We also rely on parents to donate prepared foods (quiches, cakes, crepes). Watch for a sign up sheet for these items and consider how you can help.

Parking that day will be on streets (Marion); parking is also available at PCC for \$2/day.

Specific volunteer needs include:

Games: We really need parents to sign up to work at different games throughout the day..

Toys: We need volunteers for the toy/prize room. This requires organizing the toys before hand (at least 2 people). Parents are also needed to oversee distribution through the day; this will be arranged by class

Food: Food service will be provided by classes. Volunteers can sign up separately to set up the buffet. Food that will be sold includes items purchased by the PA as well as items donated by parents. Pierre Loic will prepare crepes. We will also need a donation list for foods (crepes, quiches, cakes, fruit etc). Watch for this list and please volunteer to bring something to share.

Beverages: coffee will be available; water & lemonade; beer & wine will be available for purchase as well.

Poker table: Glen Cozen manned a poker table last year.

President

Susan Debonne

Vice President

Shaheen Plunier

Treasurer

Frederic Raffenne

Secretary

Martha House

Preschool Liaison

Jennie Kim

Special Events

Florence Delva

Nathalie Chapple

**COMMITTEES
2010/2011**

**Room Parents
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Francois Morrissette

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**LILA PASADENA 2011/2012
IN A GLANCE**

2011/2012 TEACHING STAFF

PS	Mona Charbel—Julia Noh Tina Tamamian
PS/PK	Claire Perifel—Julia Noh Elizabeth Marin
PK	Laure Doublier—Julia Noh Majdouline Smith
K	José Garcia—Gretchen Gabreski Oumou Sow
1 ST	Stéphanie Massiot—Gretchen Gabreski
2 ND A	Chloé Miglioli—Emily Salser
2 ND B	Daniel Miralles—Emily Salser
3 RD	Sylvie Lewkowicz—Gretchen Gabreski
4 TH	Samuel Mignery—Emily Salser
5 TH	Sonia Gmar—Julia Noh

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Manager	Annie Wadhams
Facilities manager	David Fenard
Supervisor 1	Sophie Donoghue
Supervisor 2	To be hired
Director	Philippe Detzen

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**LILA PASADENA
MAIN EVENTS & DATES**

1st Day of School - August 31st
 Back to school General Meeting - September 9th
 Back to school -Parent/Teacher meeting - Sept. 16th
 Joshua Field Trip - October 19th-20th-21st
 October Break - October 24th to 28th
 Winter fest - December 14th
 Winter Break - December 19th/ January 3rd
 End of 1st semester - February 6th
 Parent/Teacher Meetings—February 16th to 21st
 February Break—February 20th through 24th
 Trip to France 5th graders— March
 Lila cross Country Race—April 6th
 April Break-April 23rd through April 27th
 Parent/Teacher Meetings— June 18th through June 21st
 Last day of school— June 22nd

Back to School Night

We will adopt a new “format” for the back to school night for the 2011/2012 school year.

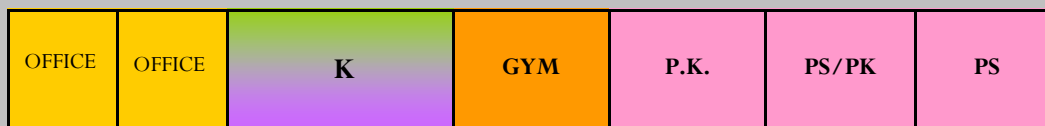
The school growing it becomes impossible to have the general meeting followed by the parents/teachers meetings. There will be a general meeting where we will present you all the projects and events for the school year.

The following week after school time each teacher will welcome you in his classroom. At that meeting each teacher will present everything you need to know about the curriculum and what is expected of your child.

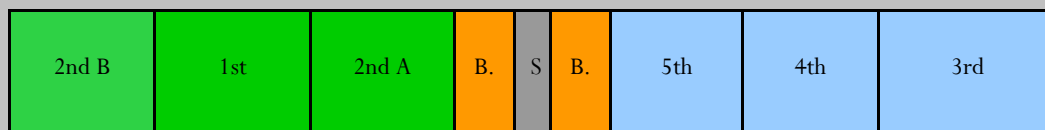
It is very important to assist to both events.

CLASSROOMS SET-UP FOR 2011/2012

1ST Floor



2ND Floor



LIBRARY
COMPUTER
LAB

MULTI
PURPOSE
ROOM

**GET READY FOR THE LILA PASADENA KERMESSE
ON SATURDAY JUNE 11th AT 11:00AM**

The June Fair/Kermesse is supposed to bring together friends and family who are involved with our campus, The purpose of this event is for the children to have fun and enjoy the school campus through games and good food among their friends. Each teacher has prepared games. Tell you friends and family to come; we start at 11:00am and we'll be done at 5:00pm. The P.A. is already collecting used toys and preparing all the games with the teachers. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available. Invite your family and friends!
Tickets will be for sale before and during the Event.

KERMESSE TICKET SALES

1 ticket	\$1.00
20 tickets	\$18.00
40 tickets	\$35.00
60 tickets	\$50.00
80 tickets	\$65.00
100 tickets	\$70.00
150 tickets	\$100.00
200 tickets	\$130.00

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW
AT A GREAT DISCOUNT!!!**

Prices valid until June 10th 6:00pm

See Annie, Susan, Philippe

GAMES AT THE KERMESSE

CHAMBOULETOUT	BAMBOUS BALANCE
GOUTTIERE	LES TROUS
PECHE A LA LIGNE	LA VOYANTE
LES ANNEAUX	LA POTION MAGIQUE
LA MAISON EN FEU	ROULE GALETTE
LE FAKIR	ROLL A BALL
THE RACE	3 OF A KIND
FACE PAINTING	BOUNCY

**PARKING SATURDAY
JUNE 11TH**

Parking on the day of the Kermesse will be possible on Marion & Sierra Bonita as well as on the PCC parking lots on the corner of Green & Holliston for \$2.00. There will be very little space left on our parking.

**Installation of tents
Friday June 10th**

All the dads who are available on Friday June 10th after the school year show are welcome to come and help putting up the tents and tables for the kermesse.

**Ze Kermesse
Kitchen**

Des crepes

Des sucrées/sweet

Des sales/salty

Avec/with

Du nutella

De la confiture/jam

Des fruits

Du jambon/ham

Du fromage/cheese

Des epinards/spinach

Et aussi

Des quiches

Vegetariennes

Lorraines

Et aussi

Des assiettes de **crudtées**

Carottes, tomates

Etc..

Et bien sûr

Des Gateaux

CAKES

Fait maison

Home made

The parents in charge of the Used Toys, Books and Games for the June fair are in urgent need of your donations. Please try to bring these items to the school before the end of this week.

These items will be the prizes for all the games at the Kermesse.

LILA GALA

Parents from Pasadena, Los Feliz, West Valley and even some from the Orange campus gathered at the Park Plaza Hotel . 300 persons attended the Event.

VERY PRELIMINARY GALA FIGURES

So far what we have doing the campus splits, and here is the preliminary outcome.

Silent and Live Auction

Orange	Los Feliz	Pasadena	West Valley
\$600.50	\$15,493.17	\$11,431.60	\$25,630.93

Total=\$53,156

Paddle session the night of:

Los Feliz	Pasadena	West Valley
\$9,000	\$4,300	\$11,050

Total=\$24,350

Raffle (bought night of)

Orange	Los Feliz	Pasadena	West Valley
\$20	\$740	\$420	\$560

Total=\$1740

From what we have expense-wise and what is expected to come in, the gala results are:

Expenses: \$60,000 - Income: \$132,094 - **Difference: \$72,094**

Reports are still in the works and we have a few outstanding reimbursements. We also have art projects for Pasadena that were sold outside of gala that brought in about \$1200

2010/2011 LAST MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday May 20th 60 persons were present for the last movie night of 2010/2011 to celebrate the departure of families leaving Lila Pasadena and Los Angeles. While the students were watching movies in the classrooms, parents and staff gathered around a great barbecue with delicious meat and fish prepared by Alain who has been our fire master since 7 years. Susan, our P.A. president, gave Florence & Alain a gift as a token of our appreciation for their key roles in the success of the Joshua Tree field.



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LILA PASADENA JUNE 2011 CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 DRAMA CLUB SHOW 5:00PM	7	8	9	10 END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL SHOW 4:30PM	11 KERMESSE 11:00AM	12
13 Field Trip K Los Feliz PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	14 Field Trip Orange 3rd/4th/5th PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	15 Field Trip PS/PK Los Feliz PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	16 Field Trip 1st/2nd Orange PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	17 Last day of School Graduation K & 5th	18	19
20 1st Day of Summer Camp	21	22	23	24	1st Day of school Wednesday August 31st	

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