

French Language and Cultural Enrichment Program 2009/10 Academic School Year

Now at Kent School in its 9th year, the French language and enrichment program will provide your child with a platform from which he or she can develop a love for learning a foreign language and appreciate other cultures. This year, all French students will go back to their 1066 roots and study William the Conqueror, the Battle of Hastings and how the Norman Conquest changed the English language forever. **SIGN UP – p. 3!!**

GRADES K, 1 and 2: French A – for les nounours! Little teddy Bears!

Our young students, grades K, 1 and 2 (FRENCH A) will prepare their passports - in clay, make ancient coins and study the cuisine from the year 1000 while continuing to build their core principles through recognition for colors, numbers, the alphabet, shapes, geography, days of the week, months and music. They will choose a 10th century French name, make tablets from fabric and early letter symbols (illuminated letters). We will make castles and much more as we explore this fascinating period in French and English history. Look out for the togas!

Grades: K, 1 and 2 (this class is first come first serve and is limited to 12 students)
Dates: Starts Monday, October 5, then Monday October 19 and meets every Monday for four more weeks – ending on Monday, November 16 (six sessions in all).

Where: The Art room on the Breezeway Second Floor.

Time: 3:30 (I pick them up from class) to 4:05 – 4:10pm – Please pick up your children Outside the classroom at 4:05/10pm in the art room. The children will be taken to after care at 4:15pm if parents have not arrived!

Costs: **\$135 for one term.** If you sign up for the **entire year, the cost is \$235.**

Section II.....

Consideration will be given to having an additional class on Tuesday afternoons if we have more than twelve students interested in French A. Please indicate on the form below (page 3) if you have a preference for days. First come first served.

GRADES 3, 4 and 5: French B – Pour Les Gamins – Just for Kids!

Our FRENCH B students (Grades 3, 4 and 5) will spend the first term (FALL) studying William the Conqueror and touring his castles. In the spring, these students will switch gears and study General Lafayette – the United States favorite French son – whose adopted father was General George Washington. General Lafayette fought side by side with Washington for American independence and eventually named his children Virginia and George in honor of his adopted father. In response to Lafayette's great contribution to the United States, Lafayette is only second to Washington in having his name adorn more monuments and places throughout our nation. Lafayette is also remembered through "the Lafayette Society"; a group of descendants who continue to celebrate his life and his French Heritage to this day. These students will also focus on famous French monuments and take a tour with our favorite Parisian, Bemelman's Madeleine.

Grades: 3, 4 and 5

Dates: Starts Tuesday, October 6 and follows every Tuesday thereafter for 8 weeks Ending on Tuesday, December 1 (Extra day on Tuesday, November 24).

Where: The Art room on the breezeway.

Time: 8:00 am sharp! Students are excused on their own to attend class at 8:30am.

Costs: **\$135 for one term.** If you sign up for the **entire year, the cost is \$250.**

GRADES 6, 7 and 8: French C – Pour Les Gosses – French Literature

FRENCH C (grades 6, 7 and 8) will also study the Battle of Hastings and Lafayette. They will also begin their journey through French literature with *Le Petit Prince* and the works of Antoine de Saint Exupery. *Le Petit Prince*, a distinguished literary work which is revered by all French people gives young American readers true insight into French life during WW II. We will explore Saint Exupery's life, his airplanes, and the great mystery around his death.....and the recent discovery of his airplane in the Mediterranean Sea.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

Dates: Starts Thursday, October 15 and meets every Thursday until December 10. In the event of an interruption due to my job (which does happen), we will meet Friday Mornings as scheduled by me for make-ups.

Time: 8:00am sharp to 8:30am.

Costs: **FULL YEAR please \$250** plus the cost of the books (approximately \$20 per book Purchased on student's behalf from AMAZON.CA).

ADULT FRENCH

ADULT FRENCH meets once a week for Kent School parents and friends who want to explore the current life and language of France. We cover a variety of topics as inspired by the adult students themselves. Discussions vary around important French conversation options to make breaking the language speaking barrier easier for travel and fun when speaking French. Adult French is a relaxed course and meets based on the schedules of its participants. We usually meet on Friday mornings after drop off for one to two hours. **Costs: \$135 one term, \$250 full year.**

PARENT CHILD CLASSES meet two to three times a year to aid parents in developing their young student's French knowledge. Parent child classes are offered at the beginning and end of each term and provide the parent with a host of support materials to encourage your child's interest in languages. These will be offered during the school year – look for bulletins and information through the email system.

LITTLE SCHOOL FRENCH is coordinated by Miss McClary, Director of Little School, and meets every Tuesday at approximately 9 am. We cover the core principles and have loads of fun to encourage our youngest participants to enjoy learning French. This is an automatic course and requires no pre-registration nor extra cost to parents.

What if I have questions? Contact me: Georgina Bliss Marshall

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Madame Marshall is a romance language major from the University of Vermont and has spoken French her entire life. She has a Premier Diplome from Les Institutes des Sciences Politiques in Paris where she also taught Drawing I at NYC en France. She has worked for Vieilles Maisons Francaises in both Paris and New York promoting old French homes, and for a variety of French and Swiss luxury goods companies. Georgina has taught French to both adults and children in various capacities for twenty-five years and at Kent School for eight years. She is currently employed by Isadora Story, a New York City based cashmere company.

SIGN UP! (FORM)

How do I sign up? Sign up by sending this form into Kent School with your other forms (due Aug 1), you will be **billed directly** with your monthly bill. You can sign up for one term or the whole year (discount applies). A calendar and communiqué will follow from me giving more details.

Please Circle your child's class/term – Example One term or Entire School Year. Price includes everything! – from a complete folder, lesson plans, projects, books (except for French C), pencils, art supplies etc. Just send your child. Communiqués are sent to families every term – and we always celebrate French Christmas and the KS ART SHOW in the Spring. French Breakfast Scheduled for Friday, December 11! Billing typically takes place in November:

French A – Grades K, 1 and 2
\$135 One Term Only or \$235– Entire School Year

Do you have a preference..... (not a guarantee)?

MONDAYs Starting October 5

TUESDAYs Starting October 6

French B – Grades 3, 4 and 5
\$135 One Term Only or \$250 Entire School Year

French C – Le Petit Prince – Grades 6, 7 and 8
\$250 Entire School Year (book extra cost)

ADULT FRENCH - \$135 per term – \$250 for entire year - meets for 5 – 7 one to two hour sessions on Fridays (typically) at 8:30 to 10:15ish....

My Child's Information:

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number (day): _____

E Mail Address (required): _____

Does your child take the bus? _____