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## MILWAUKEE FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL

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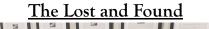
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## Upcoming Events...

- Thursday, September 28—Cub Scout Informational Meeting—4:00pm
- Friday, September 29th NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, October 5th—Picture Day—Volunteers Needed
- Wed., October 11th—Title 1 Meeting at 5:00pm
- Wednesday, October 11th PTA Meeting at 6:00pm
- Scholastic Book Fair: 10/12—10/18
- October 17th and 19th Parent/Teacher Conferences

School starts at 9:15am and ends at 4:00pm. No early dismissals after 3:30pm and the office must be notified of any end of the day changes by 3:00pm. Please contact the office at 414-874-8400, if you have any questions or concerns. If a problem emerges within your family with health, food, transportation, housing or any other difficulties that impact learning and attendance, please call our School Social Worker Brianna Laux Kocis at 414-874-8427 for assistance.





## MFIS Picture Day

On Thursday, October 5, 2023 MFIS students will take part in Picture Day. It is a huge undertaking to get all of our students ready and in front of the cameras, so we need our MFIS community to sign up to be Picture Day Volunteer. Attached is the link to signup.com, there will also be light refreshments provided to our volunteers prior to Picture Day. If you have any questions, please email Mme. Banks – banks11@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

https://signup.com/go/hhPAOjh

## **Inclement Weather Procedures**

If it is raining in the morning families will go through the drive thru lane from North Ave. to 52nd Street to drop off at 9:00am. Students will exit their vehicle and enter MFIS through the front doors. Students will then be directed by staff to their proper location.

If the weather is inclement at dismissal, K4/K5 families will go to the doors next to the tot lot, 1st-5th grade families will go to the southernmost door in the front. Parents will sign students out and then will be able to pick up their children in the hallway. We will have the oldest siblings go to the youngest sibling's grade lev-

We still have seats available for K4 and K5, so if you know of anyone looking for a great school, please send them our way!

Milwaukee French Immersion School | 2360 N. 52nd Street | (414) 874-8400

MEDIA RELEASES: Please check your child's backpack for the updated Media Release form. Please send the new Media Release back as soon as possible as we take photos of our amazing school and student body to show on social media and for marketing purposes.

#### End of Day Procedure

Our School Day ends at 4:00pm. Please sign your child out at the gates before heading in to pick them up. Parent Pick-up students, Grades K4/K5 are at the Tot Lot gate, 1st/2nd are at the small gate on the parking lot behind the Tot Lot, 3rd, 4th & 5th at the large gate on the Parking Lot. For safety, please do not park in the MFIS parking Lot. Do not park in the church or at US Bank lot.

#### Did You Know???????

- Did you know that our Principal Mme. Harer speaks English, French, and Spanish.
- Did you know that MFIS now has 4 Native French Speaking interns from France and Cameroon assisting our students everyday in their classrooms! Thanks to the Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation our students have a unique cultural learning experience that can't be found in any other program in this city, or possibly even the state.

#### Please consider hosting an Intern!

We still need a family to host our fourth intern, who has arrived in Milwaukee. His name is Yves Franck Hebang, from Cameroon. He has a host family through Thanksgiving, but he will need a host family (or families) through June. Email

<u>amitycoordinator@frenchimmersionfoundation.org</u> for more information. Please consider this amazing opportunity to help your school community and make a friend for life!

#### Extra Clothes, Please

Families, because children have all types of accidents, please remember to send your child with an extra set of clothing: shirts, pants, underwear, socks and shoes. All clothing needs to be marked with your child's name and kept in their locker. If your child has an accident and does not have a change of clothes, we will try to find clothing, but if we do not have anything that fits, we will need to call you to bring in clothing. If you have 4T– Size 10 pants that your child has outgrown, please consider donating to MFIS.

#### Student Drop Off Procedures

MFIS has a rolling drop off system. Families participating in the drop off enter on 52nd and North Ave. in one line. Please stay in line, do not skip other cars. Please prepare your child to leave the car as soon as they are in walking distance of the tot lot gate. <u>Please **do not exit**</u> your vehicle, this will cause traffic to backup on North Ave. If you walk your child to the playground gate, please park on 53rd street, or Meinecke west of 52nd. **There is No Parking in front of the school from North Avenue to Meinecke.** 

#### MFIS Heathy Snack Policy



Families: At MFIS we have a Healthy Snack Policy which is a collective effort among parents, teacher, staff and students to improve the health and wellness of our school. One of our goals is to reduce the amount of sugar consumed by students **and** introduce a wide variety of healthy foods. **Cupcakes, cookies, candy, and other sugary foods are not permitted as classroom treats, and will be sent back home.** Please consider bring fresh fruits, vegetables, crackers, cheese, air popped popcorn, etc. ( No nuts, please) Occasional school celebrations may allow sweet treats, but if you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. Treats are great for birthdays, but please do not send balloons or toys.

#### Playdate for K4 and K5 families 9/23/23

Bonjour K4 and K5 Families! Join the Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation **this Saturday, September 23rd** for a MFIS K4-K5 families playdate at Hart Park. Stop by anytime from 10am - 2pm. Stay for 30 minutes or stay the whole 4 hours! This is an opportunity for students and their parents/families to meet each other and build community! No lunch will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lunch for a picnic. If it rains, this playdate will not be rescheduled. If questions, email Melissa at President@FrenchImmersionFoundation.org

#### Cub Scout Informational Meeting

As we continue to add additional extracurricular opportunities for our students, we are adding Cub Scouts! We will have a "Back to the Pack" night on **Thursday, September 28th** for any families and students who are interested. Cub Scouts is open to all students. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. The informational flyer attached does say 9/22, but we had to reschedule it for **Thursday, Sept. 28th 4:00pm** 

#### Virtual Tutoring through MPS

Register today for FREE virtual tutoring (In English) for the 2023-2024 school year. http://tinyurl.com/23-24elotutoring

For questions, please contact the Extended Learning Opportunities office: 414-475-8238 or elo@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

#### **MFIS Visitor Policy**

Please remember, for the safety of all of our students, all visitors **must** sign in at the office and have a visitor pass. This includes all parents, even if you are walking something down to a classroom. **Everyone in our building who is not a staff member must have a visitor pass.** Thank you for following our safety protocols.

#### The African Dance Fee

MFIS has been able to offer an African Dance program to our students. African Dance is a highly engaging program with a native French instructor from Senegal who teaches traditional African dances to our students. In order to continue this program, we need for families to send the **\$35 fee per student** to MFIS as soon as possible. It can be given to your child's teacher or dropped off in the main office. Checks or Money Orders should be made out to Milwaukee French Immersion School.