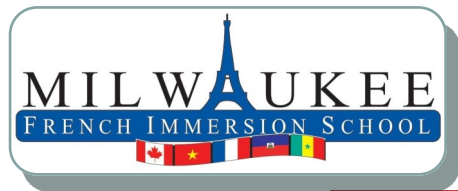


Les Annonces de l'école



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Upcoming Events...

- ◆ School Spirit Week! 9/11-9/15: see the attached flyer.
- ◆ The School Engagement Council 1st Meeting 9/13 at 5:00pm—Room 7
- ◆ September 13th- The 1st MFIS PTA Meeting 6:00pm meeting—Room 7
- ◆ Thursday, October 5th—Picture Day
- ◆ October 17th and 19th - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Welcome Back!

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.

Attendance Matters

Missing 10%, or more than two days a month of school can impact a child's learning, social development, and take them off track for developing attendance habits critical to success in school. Getting into the habit of daily attendance is so important at the beginning of the school year! It helps to 1. **reduce stress** 2. **make it easier to connect with friends and teachers** 3. **support learning**. If your student will be absent, please call the attendance line so your student's absence can be excused: 414-874-8400. If a problem emerges 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.

Volunteers Needed

MFIS Families—We need volunteers to assist with a number of tasks in our school. We need breakfast helpers, hall monitors and recess attendants. To become an approved volunteer, please go to the MPS website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the link "Volunteers". Once you fill out the online application there is a short wait to become approved. We also need families to sign up for the MFIS PTA (Parent Teacher Association) MFIF (the Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation), and The SEC (School Engagement Council).

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 level/area.

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!

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.**

MFIS Heathy



MFIS 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.

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. **Please do not exit** 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.**

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.

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.

Host Family Needed Now!

We need a family to host our fourth intern, who is arriving this month. He is Yves Franck Hebang, a young man arriving soon from Cameroon. As a host family, you will get to learn about a new culture, make a friend for life, and give your children the chance to get to know someone from another country. Your responsibilities include providing meals and a separate bedroom. Hosting opportunities are available for 9 weeks, 18 weeks, or the whole school year. Please email amitycoordinator@frenchimmersionfoundation.org for more information. Please consider this amazing opportunity to help your school community and make a friend for life!



This year there is new business in the former Imago Dei Church on 52nd Street. They work with special needs children and they need their parking lot for their families. Please DO NOT PARK in the church lot or in the US Bank parking lot at anytime.

Third Friday is Coming!

Please make sure that your child is at MFIS and counted on Friday, September 15th! Third Friday is the day the State of Wisconsin takes attendance for each district, and then determines the budget that goes to each school.

MPS Visitor Policy

Visitors are welcome in Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). Because the safety of all children is important to us, all visitors are required to use the designated main entrance, to report to the office or security desk, to show some form of identification, to sign in on the MPS Visitor Record, to be escorted to the requested location, and to return the visitor's pass to the office or security desk and sign out.

- ◆ Parents shall be encouraged to visit the classroom (following the provisions above) and to observe the work of the schools.
- ◆ No visitor shall enter any classroom without permission of the building principal/school leader or designee.

Milwaukee French Immersion Before and After Camp

Milwaukee French Immersion before and after camp is full at this time, while we continue to look for additional staff members. **If you or someone you know is interested in working for the camp, please contact Mme. Banks at banks11@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. Employment applications can be found on the Milwaukee Recreation website.**