



Dora Kennedy French Immersion School September 2016 *e.Journal*



Teacher Hours: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm

Student Hours: 9:15 am - 3:55 pm

Office Hours: 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

From the desk of Monsieur Awono, Principal

Dear Dora Kennedy French Immersion family,

I would like to welcome you to a new school year. Along with our teachers and staff, I look forward to welcoming our scholars on Tuesday, August 23, 2016. Buses will begin dropping off students at 8:45 a.m. Instruction starts promptly at 9:15 a.m.

This past summer, we have revisited our vision and mission statements. Below is the new information:

VISION

The vision of Dora Kennedy French Immersion is to create a learning community that is caring, principled, reflective and open-minded. Such a community will help our students develop into multilingual inquirers, critical thinkers and communicators.

MISSION

The mission of Dora Kennedy French Immersion is to provide a rich, challenging, rewarding instructional program based on literacy that will allow our students to become competent French speakers who are active, compassionate and lifelong learners.

We will uphold high expectations and accountability for ourselves and for our students. We will maintain positive and professional collaboration while maintaining open communication with parents and other stakeholders.

Based on these new tenants, we have designed procedures to ensure that we have a culture of true collaboration among staff and with parents; of care for our students, families and each other, and others that we will share with you this fall.

I would like to thank the parents that I have met so far. I hope to meet more parents soon. I feel blessed to be able to work with you to take our schools to new heights.

Bonne rentrée à tous!

A few words from Madame Auguste, Vice-Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 -2017 school year! It is an honor and pleasure to be the new Assistant

Principal of Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, a Blue Ribbon school. I am looking forward to a year full of smiling faces and students exceeding expectations. When parents and school members work together, everyone succeeds.

As we move into a new year, I am reminded of the change in seasons and how each season is new, yet different. Each school year is new and different because of the changes and new adventures ahead. Let's celebrate the new grade levels of each student and the hard work the teachers have been putting in to prepare.

As one of your administrators, I am looking forward to the collaboration of the staff and support of parents. Together we all achieve more. Again, thank you for your support, and I look forward to meeting each of you at some point.

Sincerely,
Mme. Auguste

Welcome Back! Bienvenue! Welcome Back!

The Dora Kennedy Administrators, Monsieur Awono, Principal, and Madame Auguste, Vice-Principal, are joined by the Faculty and Staff in welcoming back students and families. But first, let us introduce our new staff members: Madame Mortiniera and Madame Owona, Kindergarten, Madame Temdenou, First Grade; Madame Acree, Art, Madame Lahlou, Second Grade, Madame Leighty, Middle School ELA , Madame Chung, Guidance counselor.

We are pleased to announce that this year, Madame Sylla and Madame Kameni will both be teaching a Second Grade Class. Monsieur Danladani will be teaching a First Grade Class. Madame Armand has accepted the position of Reading Intervention Teacher. She will share her time between DKFI and MAFI.

*We are looking forward to a new year rich in learning and experiences.
Thank you for your ongoing support!*

Ten Tips for Your Child's Success in School

How can you ensure your child heads off to school this fall with the best possible foundation? Follow these 10 tips and watch your child thrive.

Enforce Healthy Habits

You can't perform well when you don't feel good. To help your child have the best chance at doing well in school, make sure she follows healthy habits at home. Choose a bedtime that will give your child plenty of sleep, and provide a healthy breakfast each morning. Encourage exercise, and limit the amount of time she spends watching TV, playing video games, listening to music, or using the computer.

Stick to a Routine

Most kids thrive on structure and will respond well to routines that help them organize their days. In our house, for example, my son gets dressed, makes his bed, and eats breakfast while I make his lunch and pack his school bag with completed homework and forms.

When he gets home in the afternoon, I serve him a snack and he does his homework while I prepare dinner. Your routines may differ, but the key is to make it the same every day so your child knows what to expect.

Create a "Launch Pad"

Veteran parents know it's important to have a single place to put backpacks, jackets, shoes, lunchboxes, and school projects each day. Some call it a "launch pad," while others call it a "staging area." Our area is a hook by the back door. Whatever you call it, find a place where your child can keep the items he needs for school each day and keep him organized. Then you'll know right where to find everything during the morning rush.

Designate a Space

At school your child has a desk or table where she works. There is plenty of light, lots of supplies, and enough room to work. Why not provide her with the same type of environment for homework? A designated homework space often makes it easier for children to complete assignments at home. A desk is great, but a stretch of kitchen counter work just as well.

Read, Again and Again

It is often said that children spend the first several years learning to read, and the rest of the lives reading to learn. The written word is a gateway to all kinds of learning, and the more you read to your child, the better chance he has of becoming a proficient and eager reader. Try to sit down with your child to read a little bit every day, give him plenty of opportunities to read out loud to you, as well, and above all have fun. While the importance of reading with your child cannot be stressed enough, it should not be the cause of stress.

Learn Always

Your child may be past the preschool years, but home education is still a critical part of his overall learning experience. "Some of the attitude recently is that it's up to the schools and teachers to figure it all out, to make sure children are learning and healthy and safe," says Barbara Frankowski, M.D., MPH, FAAP, and member of the AAP Council on School Health. "There's only so much teachers can do. Parents have to fill in with good support at home." Look for ways to teach your child throughout the day. For example, cooking combines elements of math and science. Use the time when you make dinner as an opportunity to read and follow directions, to discuss fractions, to make hypotheses and to examine results.

Take the Lead

Children learn by example. Let your kids "catch" you reading. Take time to learn a new skill and discuss the experience with them. Sit down and pay bills or do other "homework" while your kids do their schoolwork. If you display a strong work ethic and continually seek out learning opportunities for yourself, your kids will begin to model that same behavior in their own lives.

Talk Often

Do you know how your child feels about her classroom, her teacher, and her classmates? If not, ask her. Talk with her about what she likes and doesn't like at school. Give her a chance to express her anxieties, excitements, or disappointments about each day, and continue to support and encourage her by praising her achievements and efforts.

Show Interest

Don't limit your support to your child; extend it to her teachers as well. Meet the teachers and stay in regular contact by phone or e-mail so that you can discuss any concerns as they arise. Not only will it pave the way for you to ask questions, but it will also make the teachers more comfortable with calling you if they have concerns about your child.

Expect Success

Perhaps the most important way you can support your child's efforts at school is to expect him to succeed. That doesn't mean that you demand he be the best student or the best athlete or the best artist. Rather, let him know that you expect him to do "his best" so that he'll be proud of what he can accomplish. If you make that expectation clear and provide a home environment that promotes learning, then your child will have a greater chance of becoming the best student he can be.



Health Suite News!

Nurse Tommie is looking forward to another healthy year at Dora Kennedy.

Please send in updated immunization records, lead certificates, and health inventories as soon as possible.

Any child who requires medication at school (including over the counter medications) must have a physician's medication order sheet on file in the Health Suite.

Forms are available online:

- Click on the PGCPs website, then click on the Parents tab, then click on Health Services, and look for medication order forms.
- Forms are available from the Health Suite as well.

The Health Suite is always in need of:

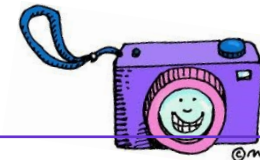
- New underwear,
- Gently-used and clean and/or new elastic-waisted pants (all sizes),
- Gingerale, peppermints, gallon-sized Ziploc bags, and disinfecting wipes.

Thanks for your cooperation and help!

Tommie Schoendorf RN BSN NCSN

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PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, October 14, 2016

What is the best way to contact a teacher?

Even though there are telephones located throughout the building; it is hard for teachers to contact parents during the hours of instruction and vice-versa. Please inform family members, friends, and parents that non-emergency phone calls will not be transferred to classrooms so as not to disturb the instructional day.

Please PLAN AHEAD, inform your child:

Before sending him/her to school of any changes in his/her normal dismissal routine so there will be no confusion at the end of the day.

- ◆ Spur of the moment changes are discouraged as they add confusion to the dismissal process.
- ◆ Remember to DIRECTLY inform your child's teacher (email or a note) of any changes in his/her usual dismissal routine, as the children are dismissed by their teacher. (See email address list below)

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Please follow the drop off and pick up procedures to keep your student and others safe
 No vehicles will be allowed to enter the main entrance or bus lane area from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. & 3:00 P.M.– 4:45 P.M.

Parking During Drop Off and Pick Up

Use the visitors' parking lot located on the Greenbelt Road/193 side of the building (back parking lot) only.


SORRY, NO EARLY DISMISSAL AFTER 3:15 pm

Please remember that students are NOT PERMITTED to enter the building BEFORE 8:45 A.M., as there is no adult supervision.

All school doors will remain locked until that time.

Child Protective Services (CPS) or the police will be called if a child is left before or after school hours.

(Policy # 10203 – Access to school before/after normal school hours or office work hours)

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
September 2016				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY  SCHOOL CLOSED	6	7 Fundraiser Kick-Off Back to school Night Grades K-5 6:30-8:00 pm	8 Back to school Night Grades 6-8 6:30-8:00 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 M. Biaka's 4th Gr. Class to Owens Science Center 11:30 am - 1:30 pm PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	15 Dr. Mills's 4th Gr. Class to Owens Science Center 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	16 Mme. Segbor's 4th Gr. Class to Owens Science Center 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Please Note! Change of address, registration/withdrawal, are done by appointments ONLY! Please call or email Mme. Wright to schedule your appointment. Merci				30 Professional Development. <hr/> SCHOOL CLOSED for Students	