



Dear La Maternelle French Academy Families,

First off, a huge thank you for making our Halloween celebration such a blast! 🦃 We had an amazing array of costumes, from magical princesses to brave heroes, that truly brought our school to life. I'm still sorting through the countless pictures to create a fun montage, so keep an eye out for that!

🍂 Hello November!

November is here, and while the temperatures might be dropping, we're keeping the warmth alive with cozy treats! Get ready for delicious pumpkin pies 🥧, hearty soups 🍲, roasted chestnuts 🌰, and gooey raclette 🧀 as we gear up for Thanksgiving!

Did you know? In the spirit of giving, we'd love to hear about your family's favorite Thanksgiving traditions. Share them with us, and we might feature them in next month's newsletter!



Relaxed Education Week

During Thanksgiving week (November 25-26), we'll shift gears to a relaxed education schedule! This means more play and fun for the kids—perfect if you're taking some time off. Remember, we'll have an early release on Wednesday, November 27th at 12:30 PM and we will be on Thanksgiving break on November 28 & 29. Class will resume on Monday, December 2.

Please let us know ASAP if you'll be away during this week or for Winter Break so we can prepare accordingly. Let's make it a fun and memorable time for everyone!



Layer Up for Houston's Weather

With Houston's ever-changing weather, the secret to surviving chilly mornings and warm afternoons is... layers! We'll head outside for recess every day unless it's pouring or freezing, so please label all your child's clothes—this makes it easier to reunite them with any misplaced items.

Also, why not turn this into a fun activity? Have your child choose their favorite layers for school each morning—let's make getting dressed a creative experience!



Health Reminder

Flu season is upon us! Please keep a close eye on your little ones' health. Unfortunately, we can't care for children who have a fever or severe runny noses/coughs, no matter how adorable they are! To help combat those sniffles, we encourage everyone to wash their hands frequently and practice good hygiene habits.



Recalls

Gimars Playpens Recalled Due to Entrapment and Suffocation Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Play Yards; Imported by Shenzhen Jingdu Technology and Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com

Hazard:

The recalled playpens violate the federal safety regulations for play yards. The included basketball hoop accessory can be a head entrapment hazard and children can become entrapped beneath the mattress, posing a suffocation hazard.

Remedy:

Consumers should immediately stop using and keep children away from the recalled playpens. Consumers should disassemble the playpen and cut the fabric floor, mattress pad and basketball hoop accessory each into two pieces. Then, consumers should upload photos of the cut product using the [online submission form](#) or email the photos to Gimars-Aftersales@outlook.com to obtain a full refund. Shenzhen Jingdu Technology and Amazon are contacting all known purchasers directly.

Units:

About 6,200

Consumer Contact:

Website: <https://gimarsrecall.com/>

E-mail: Gimars-Aftersales@outlook.com



November Birthdays!

Let's get ready to sing "*Joyeux anniversaire*" this month to Cala, Evan, and Miss Ouly! 🎂 If you'd like to bring in some treats to celebrate, just contact your child's teacher.

To make it even more special, we'll also have a birthday picture on the school screen where we'll feature photos and messages for our birthday stars!



School Portraits

Don't forget, school portrait orders are due by November 6 to avoid those pesky shipping fees! Check your proof order form for personalized credentials to order online. We can't wait to see those smiling faces!



Lunch Box Reminders

When packing lunches, please remember:

Ice pack

Water bottle (no juice, please!)

No candy

Silverware and napkin

No aluminum foil if food needs reheating

For reheating, use a separate microwavable container.

Here's a fun challenge: let your child help pack their lunch! It's a great way to encourage healthy choices and build independence.



Important Dates

📅 November 25-26: Relaxed Education

📅 November 27: Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM

📅 November 28 & 29: Thanksgiving Break **(School Closed)**



Time Change Alert!

Get ready to fall back one hour! Daylight saving time ends this Sunday, November 3. Most devices will update automatically, but don't forget to change your oven and microwave clocks!

And just for fun—how about a family “time change” breakfast on Sunday? Enjoy an extra hour of pancake flipping and syrup drizzling! 🥞



Kids Out and About

Houston Children's Festival

- **Date:** November 4-5
- **Location:** Downtown Houston
- **Details:** A weekend filled with live entertainment, interactive activities, and arts & crafts for kids.

Zoo Lights at the Houston Zoo

- **Date:** Starting November 10
- **Location:** Houston Zoo
- **Details:** Enjoy a magical experience with dazzling lights and festive displays throughout the zoo.

The Nutcracker Ballet

- **Date:** November 24-December 3
- **Location:** Wortham Theater Center
- **Details:** A beautiful performance perfect for introducing kids to the classic ballet.

Family Fun Day at the Museum of Fine Arts

- **Date:** November 11
- **Location:** Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- **Details:** Free admission for families, with special activities and workshops designed for children.

Thanksgiving Festival at the Houston Arboretum

- **Date:** November 18
- **Location:** Houston Arboretum
- **Details:** Celebrate Thanksgiving with nature-themed crafts, games, and guided walks for kids.

Have a restful weekend, et à lundi! 🌸