



PAR NEWS

Welcome to the first PAR News of the school year!
We have modified our format for news that will reach you on a regular basis.
We hope you like it and we welcome your feedback on the articles.



Back to School !



On Wednesday 1 September, PAR will be present on the three campuses to welcome you. We will [register new members](#) and answer your questions on the school life and the activities offered by the parent association. We will also be available at the welcome meeting held on the following week if PAR is authorized to speak to the parents. We wish you a wonderful school year and we're counting on your support!

Parents Contact List



On 8 August 2010, contrary to the school rules, the Principal decided not to communicate parents email addresses to PAR. In order to continue informing you and establishing the services which the school does not want to implement, PAR is requesting your help in getting in touch with all parents. Please let other parents know that they can receive PAR information on lunches, camps and other news and activities, including this newsletter, by sending an email to parents@pa-r.org and we will add them to our mailing list. Thank you.

Welcome Picnic



PAR is inviting its members to a Welcome Picnic on Sunday 12 September from 10am to 3pm. We will have outdoor games, barbecue and drinks. Just bring a side dish or your favorite dessert to share with everybody.

Please RSVP before September 8 at rsvp@pa-r.org.

Directions to BAR-T Mountainside will be provided on [our website](#).

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PAR MEMBERSHIP

Be Heard...

Be Active...

Be Useful...

Join PAR!



BAR-T Camps during the School Breaks

The children loved the camps last year so we are expanding the concept to offer a bilingual program!

Designed for children 5 years of age and older, BAR-T offers activities during the school breaks. Children can take advantage of outstanding facilities located at BAR-T. Zip lines, giant swings, GPS treasure hunts, swimming and more will ensure fun and active days for the children. Artistic activities are also in store this year.

PAR members requested to have activities hosted in French during the camps. To accommodate these requests,

BAR-T is interested in hiring some French speaking students during the breaks to help run the camps.

Come discover the wonderful BAR-T facilities at PAR's Picnic on September 12!

BAR-T Camp Dates
25 – 29 Oct 2010
20-23 & 27-30 Dec 2010
21-25 Feb 2011
11-15 & 18-22 Apr 2010

Student Help Wanted!

BAR-T is looking to hire French speaking students (1ere or Terminale) during the school vacation breaks.

The camps offer seasonal outdoor and indoor activities such as skiing, zip lines, swimming, and capture the flag.

This is a great opportunity to have fun and make some extra money during the break.

For more detail and to apply, please contact Aline at BAR-T at ahaidara@bar-t.com



We are thrilled to announce the first Scientific Summer Camp in France near Paris and specifically designed for students of the French International School. Responding to the demand of families, Planète Sciences is offering a two week program on astronomy, rocket building and environmental activities. PAR will hold a presentation meeting in October for families interested in this Summer Camp. For inquiries, please email break@pa-r.org

PAR Board

PAR will be holding its Board election between August 23 and 29.

Note that Ms Jodie Bouvery has resigned as vice president and will not serve in the coming school year.

Candidates have been found for the positions of VP, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for these positions or to lead projects, please get in touch with PAR at parents@pa-r.org



Advertise

As a PAR member, you have access to the online Listserv which you can use to place an ad or make an announcement. If you would like to include it in PAR News, let us know at communication@pa-r.org



Send us your feedback

Starting next month, we will be publishing your messages and comments. Whether you would like to ask a question or raise an issue, “PAR News” is the place to do it.

PAR Committees

PAR Committees are setup at the beginning of the school year. Some of them exist to complement the school and bring you the services which the school does not which to implement. We will explain how they operate at the information meetings in September. Here is a list to which you can add your suggestions:

- HEALTH sante@pa-r.org
- CAMPS break@pa-r.org
- FUNDRAISING parfundraising@pa-r.org
- COMMUNICATION communication@pa-r.org
- PAR SUNDAY sunday@pa-r.org
- PAR LUNCHESES lunch@pa-r.org

PAR SUNDAY focuses on organizing an informal monthly meeting with the Community. It’s a nice moment to share and get to know people. In order to participate and organize them, please contact sunday@pa-r.org



PAR was present at the FAPEE Annual Meeting which took place in Paris at the Senate on 3 July 2010. Please visit the [Federation website](#) for more information and for a transcript of the [speech made by Mr François Denis](#), the President of the Federation (in French).

On this occasion, the President of PAR was elected as a substitute Administrator of the FAPEE.

The FAPEE is our link with other French Schools abroad. We have established some contacts with several parent associations belonging to the network. PAR will be pursuing partnerships with them this year.

We spoke to association representatives and realized that we are all facing similar situations. Others have sometimes found innovative solutions from which we can benefit.

We will keep you informed on the activities of other schools of the network by sharing the FAPEE newsletter



PAR FUNDRAISING



Individual as much as collective initiatives are needed to raise money for our school.

PAR encourages you to submit your fundraising ideas. You can contact the PAR Fundraising Committee at parfundraising@pa-r.org

PAR is in touch with a company which offers coupon books. **Lots of discounts are available from a large number of well known businesses** of interest to families. **The program relies on a team of parents** and teachers organizing the distribution and sale of the books which are sent home with each student. For each book sold, PAR keeps 50% of the proceeds which are then donated to the school for specific purchases. This is a terrific program but it requires about 10 parents to get involved. If this sounds like a project you would be interested in helping with, please contact PAR at parfundraising@pa-r.org

We are hopeful that this program will meet the school's approval and will be launched shortly.

THANK YOU!

SEPTEMBER PAR Calendar

Date	Time	Location	
1		All	Back to School
2	10h	TBD	PAR Welcome Coffee
6			Labor Day - School closed
7	18h	Bradley	Welcome Meeting
8	18h	Rollingwood	Welcome Meeting
12	10h-15h	BAR-T	PAR Picnic
13	18h	Forest Road	Welcome Meeting CM2
14			Primary School Closed
15	18h	Forest Road	Welcome Meeting 6e/5e
16	18h	Forest Road	Welcome Meeting 4e/3e
20	18h	Forest Road	Welcome Meeting 2/T

