

ASEICA NEWSLETTER

Association pour le Soutien de l'Enseignement International sur la Côte d'Azur



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July 6th OIB Graduation

6th International Section Convention

The International Education Development Foundation (FDEI), created 40 years ago at the 'Lycée International de Saint-Germain-en-Laye', organized its 6th Convention on the 21st and 22nd of March 2018 at the Conseil de la Région Grand Est in Strasbourg. This event was patronized by French President Emmanuel Macron and Jean-Michel Blanquer, Education Minister who participated by video.



The Vice President of the Région Grand-Est, welcomed an audience of almost 180 representatives from India, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom, USA, Morocco and France. The Rectrice d'Académie de Strasbourg then gave her speech. The international section heads and teachers, principals, inspectors from partner countries and France, embassy representatives, parent associations and local education authorities, attended presentations by schools from Strasbourg

offering international sections (2 primary, 2 collèges, 1 lycée); these presentations put forward best practice and new ideas. In a second phase, questions were raised during three workshops entitled "Primary", "Diplomas at a time when the French baccalauréat is being reformed", and "Accessibility and reputation of international sections". Propositions were made and François-Xavier d'Aligny, President of the FDEI, has since presented these propositions to the deputy ministerial private secretary. This intervention should result in an appointment with the Minister. Visits to the European Council and European Parliament, as well as a reception at the Strasbourg Town Hall added a special dimension to this convention. These enjoyable moments facilitated the creation of numerous contacts. The Aseica 8 person delegation largely contributed to the success of this event, not only from a logistical point of view but also by organizing certain workshops. The FDEI, the only meeting platform for international section players will soon publish information on this congress, on its website www.fdei.org. The next convention will take place in two years time. ■ FX d'Aligny, President of the FDEI



Washington Trip

During the recent Spring break 22 premiere students accompanied by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Simpson travelled to Washington DC for a one-week trip. The aim of the trip was to expose the students to many of the concepts, which they will cover during their Terminale year in History and Geography and English, so many, many museums and historical monuments were visited. The group stayed in a centrally placed hostel within walking distance to the National Mall and the group walked A LOT – they averaged 15km a day! Students visited the newest Smithsonian museum – the National Museum of African American History, the Air and Space Museum, the National Zoo, Newseum to study the influence of the media and the National Portrait Gallery. They also rode to Arlington Cemetery where they visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the graves of JFK and Robert Kennedy, toured Georgetown University and the historic Georgetown area and attended a theater performance and a theater workshop on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. However, the highlights of the trip for many students was meeting and speaking with Brigitte Macron, who was on a state visit and happened to "bump" into our students as they exited the Renwick Art Gallery before (...)

heading to a baseball game where they watched the Washington Nationals. It was a fantastic trip where many great memories were made and the students learned a lot about US and world history. ■

Michelle Simpson





Washington Trip

My class and I had the opportunity to take part in the Washington Trip. It took place during the April holidays, and it was a very fulfilling trip. We visited the Washington monuments, many museums and enjoyed some free time.

The class's favorite museums were the Newseum, the National Museum of African American History and the Holocaust museum. These museums gave a powerful message and left us speechless.

We also enjoyed some nights out to the theater, baseball and restaurants. Other nights were also dedicated to a breakfast feast for example. Our trip was also filled with surprises, such as meeting the First Lady Brigitte Macron, and having a conversation with her. Our trip could not have happened without the help of the Aseica board members and the teachers.

Thank you all for organizing such a fulfilling and beautiful trip. Words cannot express our gratitude. ■

Stella Strickland

Congratulations to Martín Espada!

Martín Espada is one of the poets on our OIB syllabus in 1ère and Tle English classes. He has been awarded the 2018 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, which is one of the largest and most prestigious literary awards in America. It is presented annually "to a living US poet whose lifetime accomplishments warrant singular recognition".

Mr. Espada has given a poetry reading to our Aseica Lycée classes twice in the past,



thanks to a project by two former students (Fiona Meads and Lucie Martin, class of 2016) and their teacher Mrs. Eyrard. Last year he launched the first bilingual edition of his poetry, entitled *Le Coeur Battant de la Montre*, at our school. We look forward to welcoming him back during the 2018-2019 school year to speak to all 2nde, 1ère, and Tle students. ■

Kristi Defrasne

The Beating Heart of the Wristwatch

Martín Espada

*My father worked as a mechanic in the Air Force,
the engines of planes howling in his ears all day.
One morning the wristwatch his father gave him was gone.
The next day, he saw another soldier wearing the watch.
There was nothing he could say: no one would believe the greaser airplane mechanic at the Air Force base in San Antonio. Instead, one howling night he got drunk and tore up the planks of an empty barracks for firewood.*

*There was no way for him to tell time locked in the brig.
When he died, I stole my father's wristwatch.
I listened to the beating heart of the watch.
The heart of the watch kept beating long after my father's heart stopped beating. Somewhere, the son of the man who stole my father's wristwatch in the Air Force holds the watch to his ear and listens to the heart of the watch beating. He keeps the watch in a sacred place where no one else will hear it.
So the son tries to resurrect the father. The Bible tells the story wrong. We try to resurrect the father. We listen for the heartbeat and hear the howling.*



Summer reading material by our Lycée teachers!

You may think they spend all their time grading papers, but in fact a few of our Lycée English teachers are also published authors. Nora Louise Syran writes poetry and plays for children and adolescents -many of which have been performed by Aseica students- as well as mystery-theater games.

Holly Hill Mangin published a co-authored science fiction/fantasy novel entitled *Limitless* last year, and she is currently co-authoring a screenplay for the Kolkata Film Festival in India '*Song of the Messenger*'.

Paul T. M. Jackson has published a novel entitled '*Parousia*' and his latest book is a volume of poetry.



Theatre Shows

Pics from '*Pride and Prejudice*' by Jane Austen, the Lycée show and the 6e/5e college show...



Link here to watch
the Lycée show clip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwxD1oUYoJg&feature=youtu.be>



News from the Primary - Nadine Bibollet-Ruche & Nathalie Guez

Anglo Day at Sartoux: Whole school event

Anglo Day was a huge success. 23 parents from the Anglophone section organized various activities for the entire school on April 21st. Some of the activities included: The Gold Rush, Four Square, sugaring off, relay sports, aboriginal painting, tap dancing (Mrs. Cox has been teaching this class for 5 years!), Pass the Blarney Stone, skipping rope and Hopscotch. The IPSC purchased decorations, flags and bunting that were attractive and created a festive atmosphere. The activities were creative, well organized and offered the students a taste of another culture. The parents who volunteered were so enthusiastic and courageous facing not only one class, but three classes of children. This event truly brings the different sections of the school together in a relaxed, intimate exchange. Children have a closer relationship with the Anglophone section. Our own students are proud not only to have 'their day' but also to have a mom or dad come into the school and make such a big impression. The teachers share in this exchange, and we create a sense of community among the parents, teachers and children. (...)

In the words of Karin Dodson who shouldered a lot of the organization of Anglo Day. "Thank you SO MUCH for pulling off a successful Anglo Day under the warm spring sun! The gift of your time, creativity and energy is very appreciated in making the afternoon a great experience for the kids and overall spirit of the school. I realize that this is (already!) a busy time of year for you and so my thanks is double." ■



Super parents: Karin Dodson Gignoux, Carmela Rubin, Michael Nagyker, Jessica Assoumou, Julien Vontron, Annabelle Gilbert, Olivia Jacques, Daphne Sfeir, Helene Lantere, Christine de Denechin, Edelweiss Netherwood, Celine Demion, Theodora Erbes Jones, Liz Cox, Leye Yang, Arlene Coyle, Elena Magliaro, Lucy White, Zoe Filippa, Chris Savage, Karine Fouchet, Patricia Resch, Sarah Laty



International Day

In came the sun, as the opening ceremony of this year's International Day began with both primary schools singing 'Here Comes the Sun'. Sunshine also decorated the walls with our primary poster contest. Thought and planning went into these posters to represent this year's international day theme: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!". Some real artists were revealed!

Our Primary cake stand was also an enormous success! We raised substantial funds (total amount €3,150) for the two humanitarian projects "Street Children of Pondichery" and Water Hyacinth. We sincerely thank everyone, parents, teachers and students who helped keep the stand and brought in so many delicious treats! ■



Author visits

In March, students from Sartoux and Trois Collines got to meet and discuss non-fiction writing with Author, Kitson Jazyanka. Based in Washington DC, Kitson writes articles and books for the famous National Geographic Society. She also writes for magazines and newspapers such as the Washington Post's KidsPost page, American Girl and Young Rider. The students had lots of questions about how she became a writer and where she gets her ideas. They especially enjoyed hearing about her passion for animals and experiences with people who save wild animals.



Our next author's visit will be with Lucinda Jacobs who will be visiting our schools in June. Lucinda Jacob is a poet, illustrator and author of fiction for young people. Teachers and students from both primary schools are really looking forwards to our poetry workshops with Lucinda. ■





Gardening in CPSI CE1SI Sartoux

As part of our science program, the CP & CE1 classes at Sartoux partook in a comprehensive gardening project in conjunction with Nicolas Prin. Using the scientific method, students designed experiments to determine what a seed needs to germinate. They also planned their garden and planted. This week we enjoyed the 'fruits' of our labor and tasted the strawberries and radishes.

Mrs. B & Mme Mabilat. ■

MAIF Numérique

In May, the CE1s at Sartoux participated in various activities organized by the MAIF. As an introduction to computers, programming and tools used in multimedia, the students had an opportunity to partake hands on and discover for themselves the world of computers and what they can do. ■



Upcoming primary events:

Theatre shows

Thursday June 7th:

- 1st show 5:30pm-6:30pm CE2 classes from Sartoux and Trois Collines.
- 2nd show 6:30pm-7:30pm CE1 class from Sartoux and CM1/CM2 Class from Trois Collines

Monday June 18th:

- 1st show 5:30pm-6:30pm CP/CE1 Class from Trois Collines and CM1 class from Sartoux.
- 2nd show 6:30pm-7:30pm CP and CM2 classes from Sartoux

Sports Day/Olympiades

June 7th for Sartoux students

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Friday June 15th -Trois Collines

Friday June 29th – Sartoux

Author's Visit: Lucinda Jacobs

Friday June 8th – CM1s Sartoux & All classes at Trois Collines

Monday June 11th – CP, CE1, CE2 and CM2 at Sartoux

Chante Ecole

Tuesday June 19th - CP, CE1 and CE2s at Sartoux