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Dear Member,

You are receiving this newsletter for the first time this school year. We will be providing you with regular updates on school life and the French I.S. program. (Pour l'édition en Français, visitez [www.fipamiami.org](http://www.fipamiami.org))

### **BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS ARE HERE!**

This year, and thanks to the joint efforts of FIPA, UMP, ADFE and the Consulate General of France in Miami, the International I.S. program benefits from a great and innovative French Government driven program: Jules Verne. Five extra French teachers have been assigned to the program. In this day and age of budget cuts, it is a great feat.

We would like to thank the French government for fully understanding the concept of our unique educational system and for letting the French I.S. program benefit from the Jules Verne Program.

While the French government bears the cost of these teachers and VIE salaries, FIPA, thanks to your memberships and donations, has been able to pay for the teachers' traveling expenses. This was a prerequisite this year in order for these teachers to be sent to Miami.

We are happy to see more teachers willing to support our internationally renowned program. They will work hand in hand with the team already in place.

All the best to them all!



### **FIPA'S GALA PROVIDES FUNDS FOR 2009-2010**

A Wild West theme for last year's major FIPA fundraising event had everyone enjoy a refined yet casual evening. Despite a little rain, the event remained in full swing until late and raised a very much needed nearly \$20,000.

Funds have been applied so far to the continuous education of teachers who are able to attend required workshops in Washington, DC as per requirements from the French Ministry of Education. This is mandatory in order for the program to keep its accreditation. FIPA has also replaced some damaged computer material, covered the cost of substitute teachers, purchased some books, sponsored field trips, paid some teachers expenses and the travel expenses of the "Jules Verne" teachers sent by the French Ministry of Education.

FIPA would like to underline again the generosity of Mr. Philippe Vinogradoff, former Consul General of France in Miami and Mrs. Vinogradoff, who graciously opened their house for the occasion. FIPA also thanks all the volunteers and the sponsors who so generously supported the event and by doing so, supported the education of the children in the program.



### **FRENCH BOOK & VIDEO CLUBS**

Book Clubs – At both Sunset & Carver are organized by the teachers – contact your French teacher for information.

Carver French Video Club is run by the French teachers.

Sunset French Video Club is run by FIPA. Join and your child will receive a VHS or DVD weekly. To donate a VHS or DVD in French, please contact us at [fipa@fipamiami.org](mailto:fipa@fipamiami.org); NTSC format preferred. FIPA is also looking for volunteers to help with the club. If you can spare time to dispatch videos, please let us know.



### NEWS FROM ISCHS

Mr. Victor Rodriguez continues as principal of the school. Your ISCHS liaison is Mr. Bernerd; your FIPA liaison is Claire Francoulon.

**ISCHS has been renamed "International Studies Charter School"**. The school opens for the 2009-2010 school-year with beautifully remodeled classrooms. All but the ground floor has been renovated and that should be completed shortly. ISCHS opens its first middle school classes in the I.E. (international education) section.

Ms. Hascoet stays on to teach FLE and Portuguese. Welcome to Ms. Agot, the new history and geography teacher for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Mr. Chapolar is the history and geography teacher for 9th grade and the economics teacher for the 11th and 12th grades.

Miss Fedou is the teacher for French and philosophy. All the new teachers are certified and have been assigned to ISCHS by the French government. They are joining the existing team.

**Baccalauréat results** – Congratulations to all the students for their tenacity in studying for two exams, crucial to their future: the American High School Diploma and the French Baccalauréat. Of 11 students, who took the baccalauréat, 10 passed it:

3 with mention "assez-bien" (> 12/20),

1 avec mention "bien" (>14/20),

2 avec mention "très bien" (>16/20).

Well done to all those students. We wish you well!

### G.W. Carver Middle School

Ms. Gonzalez continues as principal at the school, Mme. Bernadette Cadi continues as lead teacher for the French program.

Your FIPA liaison is: Corinne Dartois / Peggy Herrin

### T-shirts

FIPA sells T-shirts for students of Sunset & Carver which can be worn on Fridays.

Pick up an order form and return to your teacher. Your t-shirt will be delivered to your child.

Buying a t-shirt is a great way to support the program.



### SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome to our new Principal Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal. We are looking forward to working with her and her team to make of Sunset Elementary School the best I.S. Elementary school ever.

FIPA is also very pleased to welcome two teachers as part of the Jules Verne Program bringing the number of teachers provided by the French government from one to two and 1/2. One teacher will share its time between Sunset Elementary School and Coconut Grove Elementary.

A little bit of rain on our parade: upon learning of the assignment of a new teacher by the French government, Dr. Sarria, Sunset's former Principal, eliminated the position of one French teacher hired locally by MDCPS. It was a huge disappointment to us all and we are currently putting our best effort to have this position reinstated.

Two weeks ago, Ms. Llano, lead teacher, advised FIPA that the French books for the year had not been ordered by the school in June as planned and approved for. As per Ms Pujol the order has now been placed and the books should arrive shortly. Meanwhile, FIPA will supply the paper necessary for photocopies.

FIPA has been able to add books to the French library thanks to parents who have been donating books through FIPA. When your children outgrow their books, think of donating them; call (305) 527 0173.

FIPA would like to thank Corinne Dartois for having revamped and coordinated the Video Club over the past two years. We are looking for one to two volunteers to take over. Send us an e-mail or leave a message at (786) 837 6347.

The first grade orientation day took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. FIPA was there answering the questions of the many new parents, whose children are stepping into a bigger world. We welcome all these new students and wish them all the best. The team remains at your disposal at [fipa@fipamiami.org](mailto:fipa@fipamiami.org).

Open house is to take place in September.

Your FIPA liaison is: Ilaria Belloni and Alexandra Clement

#### **COCONUT GROVE ELEMENTARY:**

One more step for the school. FIPA, which had been subsidizing the full-bright program at Coconut Grove, is happy to welcome a new teacher this year.

Open house will take place in September.

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**PRESENTED** – Dr. Aline Sarria, Sunset Elementary School, The French IS Classes of G.W. Carver Middle School and Sunset Elementary School.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO THROUGH FIPA**

FIPA can act only with your support and involvement.

Many corporations match the donation made by their employees. It is a great and easy way to double the funds.

All donations made to FIPA are tax-deductible within the limits dictated by law.

FIPA is your association and needs your time. FIPA is looking for parents to help with the different activities.

You have an idea, great! Let us know! Together, we can better the children's daily school lives. Call us at 786 837 6347

Membership, t-shirt and video club forms can be downloaded from the website at [www.fipamiami.org](http://www.fipamiami.org)