

January 26, 2018

5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RENAUD PRIZE

Teachers who participate in AVLP this year will receive prizes to award to their students. Details of the Armand and Madeleine Renaud Prize will be included in the February 9 email.

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the theme of the 2018 Minnesota statewide *A Vous la Parole* French speaking contest. The theme of this year's contest is, "*Un véritable voyage de découverte.*" The 2018 contest will be held on **Thursday, April 26, 2018**, in **Coffman Union** on the campus of the **University of Minnesota**, from **9 AM to 1:30 PM**. *A Vous la Parole* is sponsored annually by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French and is open to students of French in grades 7 through 12 accompanied by their teachers and/or representatives.

The purpose of this initial mailing is to give you some basic information as well as the timeline for this year's contest. Teachers who express interest in participating will receive additional information next month. Especially if you are new to the contest, you may wish to begin by reading the attached document entitled "**AVLP FAQ 2018.**" The **2018 categories sheet** is also attached.

The **cost per student and per category is \$8**. (Students may enter several categories, but they must pay the \$8 fee for each category entered. Each member of a group pays the \$8 fee as well.) **T-shirts** with the official logo on them will be sold **in advance**. They will cost **\$12 each** and will be available for pick-up the morning of the contest. More precise information will go out to teachers in next month's email.

**Student performances will be scheduled starting at 9 AM and ending around 12:45 PM**. You will have an opportunity to make special requests regarding scheduling. Clare Hagen, the former contest coordinator, will continue to be in charge of scheduling and awards. She will do her best to accommodate your requests.

To receive next month's mailing, **you must let me know your intention to participate by Monday, February 5**. You can simply send an email to [avouslaparole@hotmail.com](mailto:avouslaparole@hotmail.com) to notify me of your intent to participate.

Here is a synopsis of the process to keep handy to make sure you are meeting all deadlines:

**on or before Monday, February 5, 2018** – you send an email to Annie regarding your initial interest in participating

**Friday, February 9, 2018 (approximately)** – information regarding registering will be emailed **ONLY** to interested parties

**on or before Friday, March 17, 2018** – finalized electronic entries and t-shirt orders are due (you provide us all student names in a spreadsheet, including specific categories entered – no more than four entries per category – and details of t-shirt order); payment for entries and t-shirt orders is due

March 26-30, 2018 – Annie and Clare will be on Spring Break but may be available to reply to emails

**Friday, April 13, 2018 (approximately)** – master schedule, master judging sheets, maps, student expectations, and last-minute instructions will be mailed and emailed

**Thursday, April 26, 2018** – competition day; t-shirts will be ready for pick-up on-site; judging results will be taken home or arranged for pick-up in Lakeville

I look forward to your participation and to the success of the 2018 *A Vous la Parole*.

Sincerely,

*Annie Muske*

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The 2018 AVLP t-shirt was designed by Lakeville South High School sophomore Caroline Kelley. The color is grey, and it is 100% cotton. Sizes S to 3XL. The price per shirt is \$12. Consider selling them for \$15 each if you would like to keep the difference for your program.