

Welcome to the new school year! Hopefully you are already looking forward to the *Grand Concours* 2010. I am happy to inform you that we will administer the test in your respective schools from Wednesday, March 3-Tuesday, March 9, 2010. You are asked to keep to these dates. If you cannot do so, please contact me and we will come up with an alternate date for you. FLES dates are February 15-26, 2010.

In order to keep the Contest affordable, we will maintain the same costs as last year: \$5.00 for each student of AATF members; \$7.50 for non-AATF members. There is a \$10.00 charge for mailing exams. CDs are \$6.50, and you will need one for each level. You should submit your orders by January 25, 2010. You can always add small numbers after that. It is important that we assure you that your order will be sent on time. You will receive the forms by e-mail before Thanksgiving.

Each year we celebrate our winners with a ceremony at Chestnut Hill College. This year it will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. We hope that you are already planning to come and bring your students. In these days when French enrollments are threatened, it is important for us to strengthen our field in every way possible. When parents and friends come to see their children honored, it speaks volumes for our work.

If you are on my distribution list, you or the person in your school responsible for the French Contest will receive this message by e-mail. If you do not get it, please contact me at 215-248-7124 or kashubam@chc.edu, and I will add your name. I can only put one person from each school on my list, as the number of recipients is limited. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Bon courage et Bonne chance!

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