



Welcome back!

It's the most wonderful time of the year... *la rentrée!* We hope everyone had a safe break and is now energized for a new year of teaching, learning and professional growth. Your Executive Board has worked hard this summer to come up with a slate of activities that appeal to a variety of needs and wants; and of course, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at FFLA in October in Daytona Beach. We are pleased to announce that our website is once again functional; so please send us your job listings, news and photos. We love highlighting the awesome work being done by French educators across the state.

Welcome back and *bonne rentrée!*

A welcome-back message from FLAATF President, Tam Caudill

Forget January. I make all my New Year's resolutions in August, just in time for *la Rentrée!* Mine are pretty much the same every year: replace dated authentic resources with something more à jour. Finally jettison those lessons that fail to resonate with my students. Sift through new activities I've collected in the past year and implement as many as I possibly can. Commit to different classroom management strategies that seem to work so well for my colleagues down the hall.

But if my resolutions are the same every year, it's because I never quite get where I want to be. I simply never have enough time, energy, or resources to do all the things I want to do. That's why, this year, I've decided to stop. Don't get me wrong: I'll still be changing graphics, fiddling with activities, and engaging my students in new ways—I can't help myself—but I'm going to stop thinking of these tasks as some sacred checklist that sets a tone for the entire year. Instead, I want to take each day as it comes and focus a little bit less on what I present and a little bit more on being present.

As language teachers, we are incredibly blessed to be able to learn more about our students than just about any other faculty on campus. Like everyone else, we must cover our content; but we are in a fortunate position

where our content is so closely tied to conversation. So if there's something I want to take into this new year of teaching—my 7th at Jacksonville University and my 15th overall—it is that what I think I need to do is always secondary to who I already am: an educator whose primary job is, arguably, not to talk but to listen.

Bonne rentrée à toutes et à tous,

Tam

AATF membership discounted for the remainder of 2023

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023 (we know, it happens), you can sign up for the discounted rate of \$30 and be eligible to participate in our upcoming events. Renew your membership [here](#).

Upcoming events

Here at FLAATF, we have a full line-up of virtual and in-person events planned for you. Check out our calendar [here](#).

Virtual events

Apéro de rentrée and book club

We hope you'll join us on Thursday, September 7, for this year's first Apéro, where we will catch up, share stories about the journey so far and discuss our first book club book: [Common Ground: Second Language Acquisition Theory Goes to the Classroom](#) by Florencia G. Henshaw (Author), Maris D. Hawkins. Drop in to say hello and stay for all or part of the apéro. Invitation to follow.

Additional apéros and ateliers are scheduled throughout the school year. See the [calendar](#) for more information.

In-person events

October 5 and 6: Regional Symposium - French education in Florida

This event, organized by the French Consulate in Miami, will take place on October 5th (Florida International University) and 6th (Alliance Française Miami Metro). Come share your expertise, network with fellow professionals and add to your resources. Presentations will cover the evolution of the French language, critical thinking in French education, educational and cultural resources, and planning. Stay tuned for more information.

October 25-28: FFLA

We look forward to seeing you at the Hilton Oceanfront in Daytona Beach for FFLA, where many of our wonderful members will be presenting. Check out the Conference [website](#) to register, reserve your hotel room or see the schedule-at-a-glance.

February 10: FLAATF atelier and spring meeting

Mark your calendars for a day of workshops and idea-sharing at [Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy](#), once again hosted by Beren Sacra. Details to follow. If you'd like to present, send us an email at aatf.florida@gmail.com.

La rentrée: trucs et astuces

La rentrée is always a busy time, pulling us in many directions. Here is a list of considerations you might want to plan for early:

- Collect money for the **Grand concours** (\$6/student)
- Ask parents to donate supplies. For instance, if you plan to make Valentine's Day cards, ask for red and pink construction paper.
- Put in a request with your school SAC Committee to attend one of the French events scheduled for this year (see in-person events above)
- If you teach ACE/IB/AP, set an April date for your *examen blanc* and let parents know to block it off now, before things get busy at that time of year

What's on your back-to-school list? Share it with us at aatf.florida@gmail.com.

Connect with us!

Do you have any fun and interesting events, lessons or activities happening in your classroom or French Club? We'd love to hear from you. Share your news [here](#).

You can also stay up to date on upcoming events by visiting our [website](#), connecting with us on [Facebook](#) or checking out our [calendar](#).



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