



Canadian Parents for French KV Chapter Fall Newsletter

Who are we! We are a non-profit National organization who since 1977 has promoted the opportunity for their children to learn Canada's other official language in Anglophone schools, CPF provides information for parents about early and late French Immersion programs as well as core French. We have over 17,000 members and over 170 chapters across Canada. We organize summer day camps, provide books and other resources to schools, act as advocates for parents, students and teachers and host French cultural activities.



Coming and Goings

What we did this past year!

CPF have contributed many resources for students this past year. We provided an opportunity for teachers to attend the Scholastic book sale in Moncton. French book sets for an elementary Core French program were purchased as well as various books, teaching aids and materials for French Immersion teachers.

Some of our members assisted at the provincial Concours d'Oratoire in Bathurst. The students who represented district 6 made us proud! Many attendees were amazed the high caliber of the speeches.

Summer Day Camp

What a summer! Over 85 early French immersion children enjoyed crafts, tie dying, sports, scavenger hunts, field trips and more during six 1-week camps held at Rothesay Elementary, Hampton Elementary, and Quispamsis Middle School. Denise Guay, Sarah Smith along with our junior helpers did a great job doing fun activities with the children - all done in French. We are hoping to have more camps again next year so stay tuned for more information.

Dialogue NB Youth Forum

We will be sponsoring 4 students to attend a Youth Forum organized by Dialogue NB being held at Fairmont Algonquin, Saint Andrews, Nov 1-3, 2002. It provides an opportunity for students to attend conferences and workshops in a French setting. This event is also open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 25 who would enjoy meeting new and exciting people. For more information, please contact Ann Hogan at 847-1961.

Teachers

A special thank you to all the teachers who have shown interest and supported our activities.

Resource for Parents

French Classes for Parents

French Parent Classes coming this Fall-2002. How can I help my child with French? CPF has designed a program for Anglophone parents to help improve their knowledge of French so they might share in their child's educational adventure. Classes will be held if there are enough parents who would like to participate. Classes will be 20 hours of instruction over a ten-week period. Cost will be \$65 for CPF members and \$75 for non-members (includes membership). Morning and evening classes available, depending on preference of the registrants. For more information call 847-1961 or mmehog@nbnet.nb.ca

Highlights of Classes:

- Learn French by having fun!
- Lessons will be based on activities and games similar to what your child will be learning during their first few years of school.
- Learn sounds, alphabet, numbers, greetings, basic words, directions, math vocabulary, and more.
- Come and meet other parents who also want to learn with their children.

Meeting

Our next meeting will be at QES library Oct 22 at 7:30pm. Special guest: Richard Rice, French Second Language Supervisor

Website

Please visit our CPF Provincial website www.cpfnb.com or call the provincial office if you need more information about anything in this newsletter.





CPF Benefits

You can receive **discounts** from Liberty Mutual, Aquila Communications, and Oui for Kids, Firefly books. Quarterly newsletters from CPFNB and CPF National.

Articles are available on the website such as “Report of Current Research on the Effects of Second Language Literacy Skills”, “Essential Math Vocabulary for French Immersion”, and “How you can help even if you do not speak French”.

Resources on the website such as recommended reading lists for grades 1-5, discussion forums, links to many French Immersion resource sites, recommended CPF French software, access to Report card 2001 - provincial exams/ assess results. Parent information kits are given to new members upon joining.

OuiforKids

OuiforKids is offering CPF members a discount on their first order of 15% and a 10% discount on any future orders. We not buy your books from OuiforKids!! Our CPF recommended dictionary for a child who is just starting grade one would be “Mon Premier Larousse.” It contains 2000 words, each with its own illustration and explanation. Hard Cover – 26.20 and 260 pages. Visit www.ouiforkids.com.

Attention High School Students

Did you know that you must maintain a specific number of credit hours in French in order to receive your French immersion graduation certificate? If you are not sure when you choose your courses check with

How can I support my child with their learning a second language, you ask?

There are many ways, and we need your help....

You’ve already made important decisions about your children’s education by enrolling them in a French Program. You certainly want them to get the most out of this excellent educational opportunity, but you may not be sure of ways you can help. Experts say (and parent recognize) that learning French works best when children can take part in French extra-curricular activities and when school programs are high quality, well funded, well promoted and have parental support and involvement.

Our chapter has provided French activities and resources in the past and would like to continue. Some volunteer positions do not take a lot of work, some are one-time events, some could be done from home, and many could be shared with another person. “Many hands make light work!”

Be part of a team to help us keep activities that are important to our children.

If you think you would like to participate in your child’s experience in leaning another language, please fill in your name, phone number return it back to your child’s homeroom teacher or you can call 847-1961 or email mmehog@nbnet.nb.ca. Thank you for your time.

President: Ann Hogan **Vice president:** vacant **Secretary:** Sonya McAskill
Treasurer: Susan Dewar **Communications:** Dianne Guay

Parents name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Childs’s school: _____ **Child’s age:** _____
E-mail: _____

Our current representatives:

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| Lakefield Elementary: | Susan Dewar | Fairvale Elementary: | Chris Higgins |
| Quispamsis Elementary: | Wendy Sanford | Rothsay Elementary: | Katherine Grant |
| Quispamsis Middle: | Sonya MacAskill | Harry Miller Middle: | vacant |
| Hampton Elementary: | Tanya McCarthy | Rothsay High: | vacant |
| Rothsay Park Middle: | Brenda MacCallum | KV High: | vacant |
| Hampton Middle School: | Dianne Guay | Belleisle | LynnAnn Duffley |
| | | MacDonald Consolidated: | vacant |
| | | Hampton High: | vacant |

**It is NOT essential that you speak French
 MOST parents do not!**