

## Saskatchewan Participants Bring Honour to CPF at Les Jeux de la francophonie

Rivière-du-Loup, Québec was an exciting place to be in summer 2002 as over 1100 French speaking youth from across Canada arrived for Les Jeux de la francophonie canadienne. The event, held August 1-5, offered competition in sports and the arts as well as leadership

development. Canadian Parents for French sent a delegation of over 100 youth, coaches and chaperones from across the country. 30 of these, including 4 trainers, were

from Saskatchewan. This province provided the largest number of participants in the CPF team.

Saskatchewan members of the CPF delegation were well represented in the medal standings. Julie Chabot from Swift Current took silver medals in the 1500m and 3000m running events and carried the team flag in the closing ceremonies. The group O-U-BA, made up of Joël Cyr, André Cyr, Gent Laird, and Alain Lalonde, from Prince Albert was awarded the gold medal for music. And Shannon Heincke from

Nipawin received a silver medal in swimming

Shannon was very enthusiastic about her participation in Les Jeux. She enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with people who speak French as part of their everyday lives, as well as just hanging out with friends and

speaking French. "It made all the French Immersion I'd done worth it" she commented. Since Rivière-du-Loup, Shannon is considering using French in her future career. And she can't wait to attend the next games as a trainer.

The objectives of Les Jeux de la francophonie are to enable French-speaking youth from across Canada to meet

and exchange ideas and experiences, to showcase their vitality, to allow young athletes and artists to compete at a national level and to provide opportunities for leadership development.

The next occasion to participate in Les Jeux de la francophonie canadienne will be in Winnipeg in 2005. Congratulations to this year's winners and participants.

**Nous sommes fières de vous.**



L-R: Kelly Winn, Bronze medal-Swimming; Julie Chabot, Silver medals-Athletics; Shannon Heincke, Silver medal - Swimming

## Les Jeux Participants from Saskatchewan

*Stephanie Marshall, Meota - Visual Arts*  
*Laurelle Pawlus, North Battleford - Visual Arts*  
*Ryan Bourlon, Yorkton - Athletics*  
*Julie Chabo, Swift Current - Athletics*  
*Kirsten Finlay, Yorkton - Athletics*  
*Stephanie Orzynski, Yorkton - Athletics*  
*Robin Rachelle, Prince Albert - Athletics*  
*Joël Cyr, Prince Albert - Music*  
*André Cyr, Prince Albert - Music*  
*Gent Laird, Prince Albert - Music*  
*Alain Lalonde, Prince Albert - Music*  
*David Parker, Regina - Leadership*  
*Shannon Heincke, Nipawin - Swimming*  
*Courtney Blai, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Kathryn Kuchapski, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Leah Thorpe, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Jordan Hagemeister, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Scott Kurytnik, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Philip Laforge, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*David Mardell, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Daniel Quintal, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Jonathan Rutten, Paddockwood - Volleyball*  
*Chris Simair, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Joshua Simair, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Mitchell Strom, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Julian Yeo, Prince Albert - Volleyball*  
*Jarmila MacFarlane, Prince Albert - Chaperone*  
*Matthew Bogard, La Ronge - Trainer*  
*Cécile Bender, Prince Albert - Trainer*  
*Cyril Laforge, Prince Albert - Chaperone*



*The group O-U-BA from St Mary's high school in Prince Albert impressed the judges and thrilled the participants at Les Jeux de la francophonie. The members of the group, André Cyr, Joël Cyr, Gent*

*Laird, and Alain Lalonde have been performing together for a number of years and have been featured on CBC and radio francasnoise. They were awarded a gold medal in Music.*

## French for Parents

Canadian Parents for French - SK has had very positive responses to the French Language classes [at two different beginner levels], which have been offered in Saskatoon the past two years. Level 1 is for people who have either never studied French or who had minimal French instruction in elementary school. Level 2 is for people who have either completed Level 1 or who had some French in high school and think they have forgotten everything they learned.

The classes run for five weeks and are 2 hours each night. Classes will be offered again in the New Year and the tentative schedule is as follows:

Level 1: Monday, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10 - St. Matthew School

Level 1: Tuesday, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 - Victoria School

Level 1: Wednesday, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12 - St. Gerard School

Level 2: Tuesday, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 - Victoria School

Please watch for information coming home from your child's school, or call us at the Branch office for more information. You can call Joanne at 244-6151, or toll-free outside of Saskatoon, 1-800-561-6151.

**If you would like more information on how you can offer classes such as these in your area, call the Branch office for more information. Contact Karen at 244-6151, or toll-free outside of Saskatoon, 1-800-561-6151.**

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# National AGM and 25th Anniversary Conference

On October 17-20 Canadian Parents for French held its National Annual General Meeting and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Ottawa. Participants were inspired by speeches from the Honourable Stéphane Dion and His Excellency John Ralston Saul. At the President's Banquet, founding CPF President, Pat Webster, provided a history of how CPF came into being. Keith Spicer, Canada's first Commissioner of Official Languages (1970-1977), told stories about the early days of CPF and encouraged CPF members to continue their good work.

This was also a working conference. A discussion was held on French Second Language teacher supply featuring panel members from across the country. A full day was spent in plenary and small group sessions with a focus on advocacy. The National office will develop a workshop based on the results of this discussion entitled *Advocacy with Élan: Building CPF's Community Profile* that will be offered to Chapter representatives at the Planning Meeting being held in Saskatoon on January 18, 2003.

The AGM was an excellent setting for CPF members and staff from across the country to meet, discuss mutual concerns and share ideas. Bringing people together from a variety of backgrounds and experiences provided a unique opportunity to find creative solutions to the challenges we face while celebrating the accomplishments of the past 25 years.



*Saskatchewan Delegation to CPF National Conference. From left to right are: Front Row: Nicole Birkenshaw, Pres. Moose Jaw; Jara MacFarlane, Pres. Prince Albert; Lindsay Matheson, Chapter Dev. Officer CPF - SK; Karen Taylor-Browne, Executive Director CPF - SK; Sue Wagner, Vice-Pres. Lloydminster; Gladys Oracheski, CPF - SK Branch Director; Rebecca McLellan, Pres. Regina. Back Row: Dereck Birkenshaw, Guest; Rose-Marie Bouvier, Vice-Pres. CPF - SK; Sharon Lyons, Pres. Nipawin; Gerri Barber, Co-Chair North Battleford; Cynthia Penner-Haughey, Treasurer Regina; Nancy Jefferson, President CPF - SK; Richard Julien, new National Board Member.*

## Fête du soleil 2002

Fête du soleil 2002 was a great success again this year!! The travelling French language day camp, which is a joint venture of the CPF - SK Branch and local chapters, took place in 7 communities in Saskatchewan. 175 children, kindergarten to grade 6, had the opportunity to enjoy a week of summer fun in French. Some of the favourite activities included walking the labyrinth in North Battleford, playing aliens from Mars in Yorkton, and an outdoor carnival at Connor's park in Moose Jaw. Everyone benefited from practicing his or her French in a fun setting in the summer.

French speaking monitors, supported in part by grants from Young Canada Works and Human Resources Development Canada's Student Career Placement Program, provided positive role models for the children. "These young teachers are second to none," reported one organiser. "We look forward to seeing them back next year."



# Board of Directors

## President's Message



Our CPF-Saskatchewan Board is composed of individuals from around the province who have a keen interest in promoting French Second Language education and opportunities for the youth of this province. Our backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives are quite diverse but we share that common goal. Since being elected in June, we have begun to deal with issues of policy formation, budget and financial situations, as well as some programming issues. We have had fun together and have sometimes been frustrated with each other and with the tasks we see before us but we have worked hard together and grown as individuals as well as a Board. We have a good mix of new and returning board members which provides stability, perspective, experience, lots of new ideas and enthusiasm. It is our desire as a Board to represent the interests of members throughout the province so please feel free to contact us with your ideas as well as your concerns. It is with pleasure that I present your 2002-03 CPF-Saskatchewan Board:

### Nancy Jefferson - President

Where I grew up in Southern Ontario, the only option for French language learning was Core French, starting in Grade 9. You can imagine how well we could communicate when we visited Quebec in Grade 11. It was a desire for our children to have opportunities that had not been available to us which influenced my husband and I to opt for the French Immersion program. My involvement with CPF began when our oldest daughter (now a student at the University of Calgary) was in preschool. It has been a great learning experience and I have met wonderful people from all over Saskatchewan and the entire country. I have a B.Sc.(Agr.) from the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario and have worked in cereal crops research in Ontario, Utah, and Saskatchewan. I have also worked in the retail industry. I hold a Teacher's Assistant Certificate from SIAST and currently work as a Teacher Associate at the Swift Current Comprehensive High School in the Grade 11 and 12 Learning Assistance Centre where my days are filled with teenagers. My husband and I have three children, ages 12,16, and 19. Our family was fortunate enough to have the chance to live in Ste-Foy, Quebec for the 1999-2000 school year where we all had an "immersion experience". Being President of CPF-Sask is a big responsibility. It is my desire to meet the challenges ahead and to provide our students with the best experiences and opportunities possible on their journey to bilingualism. Contact me at [njefferson@sk.sympatico.ca](mailto:njefferson@sk.sympatico.ca).



### Rose-Marie Bouvier - Vice-President

Rose-Marie Bouvier is originally from the francophone community of Lisieux, SK and attended school in Willow Bunch. She has been employed at the Language Institute at the University of Regina since 1991 and is now at the Faculty of Administration, U of R. She has one son, Roger, who will be graduating this year from the French Immersion program at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School in Regina. Rose-Marie has also been involved with CPF as coordinator of the provincial Rendez-vous since 1999. Rose-Marie is beginning her second, two year term on the CPF - SK Board.

### Jackie Rathgeber - Secretary

Jackie has lived all her life in Saskatchewan. She has taught in Melville at St. Henry's RCSSD from 1968-1976, and 1989 to the present time. She married Ron Rathgeber in 1973. They have 2 children, Ronelle and Janlyn. Ronelle, 26, is a pharmacist, and lives in Melville with her husband. Janlyn, 18 years old, is a bilingual high school graduate and is currently attending the University of Saskatchewan. Ron and Jackie have been supporters of CPF since Janlyn entered French Immersion in 1989. They are involved in various community activities as well as CPF. Jackie has been a member of the CPF Melville Chapter Executive and is now serving her second year on the CPF SK Board of Directors.



# Board of Directors



## Georgette Chrispen - Director

Georgette was born in Whitewood, SK and now resides in the community of La Ronge. She has been a teacher in Northern Saskatchewan including Île-à la Crosse, Beauval, Cumberland House, and La Ronge. Georgette has been a French Immersion teacher for the past 16 years. She retired from teaching in 2001, after 29 years. However, she will continue to be active in the school as a sub, volunteer and elder. Georgette has been married for 34 years to Larry Chrispen. They have three daughters, Rachelle, Janay, and Cherise, two sons-in-law, Dave and Dean, as well as three grandchildren, Drew, Briana, and Jeremy. This is Georgette's first year on the CPF - SK Board.

## Amy Hadley - Director

Amy was born in 1960 in Prince Albert. In 1974, her family moved to Vancouver where she completed her schooling. Following graduation, Amy travelled extensively throughout the world, including an overland trip by truck from London to Katmandu. Along the way she developed an appreciation for the understanding of different languages and cultures. In 1984, after working and training in the food service industry, Amy accepted a position as Food Services Manager at the Waskesiu Golf Course. She stayed in that position for three seasons. Then, in 1986, she struck out on her own, opening "Amy's on Second", a fine dining restaurant in Prince Albert. Amy's restaurant has won critical acclaim locally, regionally, and nationally in its sixteen years of operation. Amy is married and has three children aged 11, 12, and 14, all of whom attend in the French Immersion in the public school system in Prince Albert. Amy has worked in the local CPF chapter in Prince Albert and is now beginning a second two year term on the provincial board.



## Gladys Oracheski - Director

Gladys was raised in a small town in Alberta and moved to Lloydminster when she got married. Gladys and her husband Darrel operate their own business in Lloydminster. She has been involved with Canadian Parents for French for 13 years. She has four children, all of them bilingual. Two of her children are currently in post-secondary studies. This is Gladys' first term on the Board of Directors

## Brent Miller - Director

Born in Wadena and raised in Norquay, Sk. Brent graduated from Norquay High School in the early 70's. Since that time, he has had two careers; Retail/Wholesale grocery sales and construction/maintenance/custodial trade. He has worked in the Recreation/Hospitality industries but is presently employed with the Yorkton Public School Division. Several locations in Saskatchewan have been home, to him including: Norquay, Swift Current, Willow Bunch, Regina, and Yorkton. He is married with 3 kids, who all participate in the French Second Language Education Program in Yorkton. His oldest is in grade 8 full immersion and the younger two are in an enhanced Core Program. Brent brings a lifetime of volunteer involvement in the Kinsmen, ACT, Town Council and CPF Yorkton Chapter to his new role on the Branch Board. He knows what it is like to give of oneself for the betterment of others. He also knows how important our members are and understand the difficulties most of our members have in finding time to do what is necessary to keep our local Chapters up and running. It is often the same core group of people that do a majority of the work in each and every organization. He commends the Volunteers on the outstanding service they provide to our organization and his philosophy is that the Board of Directors of CPF Saskatchewan is here to serve, and assist you in any way they can. Brent values any input and comments and if he can be of any assistance to you please feel free to contact him at (306) 783-2104 or on the net at [handiman@accesscomm.ca](mailto:handiman@accesscomm.ca). This is Brent's first term serving on the Board of Directors of CPF - SK.



# Staff

## **Karen Taylor Browne (PhD) - Executive Director**

Karen is a native Calgarian who decided she had to become bilingual on her first visit to Quebec as a member of the Alberta Junior Ski team. She realized that objective when, as an undergraduate student, she spent a year in Grenoble, France doing a lot of competitive skiing and auditing courses in Political Science and corrective phonetics. Her stay in France also induced her to diverge from her plan to study law. She instead did some graduate studies in International Development at the French language Institut de coopération internationale at the University of Ottawa. She also studied Russian at McGill University in Montreal where she lived for four years. During that time, she married, had one son and spent some time working as a substitute French teacher for the Montreal Protestant School Division. That experience provided an introduction to a career in French language teaching that included Core French, intensive French for adults and five years in early French Immersion. While teaching in Immersion she developed a considerable knowledge of the French Immersion literature through private research and reading. In addition, she did specialized in-service training in the early diagnosis and treatment of reading difficulties.



Searching for ways to make a good program even better, she returned to university to learn more about the processes involved in language acquisition and language teaching. She completed an M.A. and Ph.D. in linguistics doing research that ranged from specific acquisition problems to the broader question of the suitability of French Immersion and Francophone Minority schools for children with different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. As a result of her research, she also became involved with the Alberta Branch of Canadian Parents for French for whom she wrote briefs and regularly made presentations to parents, teachers, administrators and school trustees.

In 1991, while holding a postdoctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Karen moved to Saskatchewan when her husband took up a senior administrative position at the University of Saskatchewan. Until taking on the position as Executive Director of CPF - SK in September of 1999, Karen taught for a number of academic units at the University of Saskatchewan as well as teaching the senior level of an English for Academic Purposes Program at the Centre for Second Language Acquisition at the U. of S. She was also actively involved in volunteer work with the Saskatoon Symphony Volunteers and was the founding president of the SOS Elms Coalition.

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## **Joanne Illingworth - Executive Administrative Assistant** B.A. Sociology (Sask)

Joanne grew up in the United States and came back to Canada in 1972. She resided in Prince Albert with her family for 2 years before moving to Saskatoon. Joanne began working for CPF in December of 2000. She was hired because of her computer skills and NOT because of her French! As the Executive Administrative Assistant, she not only is the front line person in the office, but she also does all of the accounting, formats the newsletter and other publications, maintains the website, along with her general duties of administration. Joanne has a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her major is Sociology but she could complete her Bachelor of Commerce degree in one and a half years if so inclined. She has written reports for the Status of Women Canada Committee in Saskatchewan so has more than the average capability as a communicator. She has given workshops across the province in Basic Computer Training, Introduction to the Internet, Bookkeeping, and Marketing. She has quite a bit of experience with volunteer groups having been on the board of a couple of day care centres in Saskatoon. Joanne has a 10 year old son and in her spare time (when she finds some) she tries to catch up on her reading!



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## **Lindsay Matheson - Chapter Development Officer** B. Science (Guelph)



Lindsay has lived in Canada, the United States, and in England. She studied at the University of Guelph and worked most recently within the school system as a roving scientist. Wanting to experience life in a different part of Canada, Lindsay moved with her family to Saskatchewan from Ontario two years ago. Her three children are all enrolled in the French Immersion programme in Saskatoon. She works half time for CPF as Chapter Development Officer. In her spare time she has an interest in Conflict Resolution and is currently President of an International Peacemaking Organisation. Lindsay also likes to hike, cross-country ski, and travel across Canada with her family.

# Calendar of Events

## December

24 - Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED

## January

- 2 OFFICE RE-OPENS
- 13 French for Parents classes starting in Saskatoon
- 18 Mini Rendez-vous in Nipawin
- 18 Chapter representatives & Branch Board meet for advocacy workshop and planning meeting in Saskatoon

## February

- 15 Mini Rendez-vous in Moose Jaw
- 28 - March 1 Rendez-vous in Saskatoon

## March

- 3 - 7 French Immersion/Core French week
- 15 Mini Rendez-vous in Yorkton

## April

- 5 Mini Rendez-vous in Melville
- 8 French for the Future

## May

- 3 Provincial finals for Concours d'art oratoire in Saskatoon

## June

- 6 - 7 CPF Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon
- 7 National Concours d'art oratoire

## August

- 4 -16 Residential summer camps



## Thank You

A sincere thank you to Shawn Veroba who is taking time out of his busy University schedule to volunteer at the CPF- SK office. Shawn is working on updating a database of French Immersion and Core programmes across the province.

The OFFICE will be  
**CLOSED** from  
December 24, 2002 -  
January 1, 2003, for the  
Christmas holidays.  
It will re-open on  
January 2, 2003.

# Nurturing the Roots Cultivating the Opportunities

La Loche, La Ronge, Île à la Crosse, Beauval. These are just a few of the names that stand in quiet testimony to the role francophones played in the history of Saskatchewan. That historical connection and the vibrancy of the fransaskois cultural community today were among the themes that The Honourable Dr. Linda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, was able to weave into a truly inspiring speech she delivered at the conference, “French Second Language Education in Saskatchewan: Nurturing the Roots - Cultivating the Opportunities”.

The conference was designed to provide educational leaders in our province with a chance to learn about developments in French second language educational research and programming. In addition, they were provided with an opportunity to work together to try to devise solutions to some of the obstacles that prevent all young people in Saskatchewan from having access to high quality FSL programs. Topics discussed included: attracting and retaining FSL students; teacher supply; maintaining or enhancing teachers’ French language skills; sharing experience and expertise among school divisions; using distance education to increase FSL options; and funding for FSL programs.



*Pictured: Dr. Miles Turnbull*

Dr. Miles Turnbull, an Associate Professor and the Director of a newly established training program for French Immersion teachers at the University of Prince Edward Island gave an overview of research in French second language education. His speech was complemented during the working sessions by discussions of innovative programs such as Intensive Core French, which is now being piloted at St. Augustine School in Saskatoon, and a partial immersion program in La Ronge in which the children are able to study Cree as a core language at the same as having a French Immersion experience. Working session discussions about distance education options for students or teachers who wish to maintain or upgrade their skills were similarly complemented by a technical talk by Marcel Langevin, Client Technology Manager for SaskTel.

The close to 50 participants also heard testimonials from Rick Kulow, the President and major shareholder of Bioriginal Food and Science Corporation; Stefan Deprez, Director of Sales and Marketing at the Delta Bessborough Hotel; and Mary Rose Boyer, a retired Principal, Vice-Principal and French teacher who is currently doing private consultation focussing on Aboriginal children and youth at risk. These three individuals have children who are either attending French Immersion programs or have graduated from them. They were thus able to talk from both personal and professional points of view about the importance for individuals and businesses of quality educational programs that enable students to broaden their intellectual and cultural horizons as they develop a knowledge of French and other languages.

School Division); Judy Gibson (CPF - Alberta); and Pat Brehaut (Building the Future Conference Coordinator from Alberta) for the support and encouragement they have provided over the two years that we have been working to put on the conference.

Major funding for the conference was provided by the Official Minority Language Office of Saskatchewan Education and the Department of Canadian Heritage. Radio - Canada Saskatchewan provided extensive pre-conference publicity for the conference and Capturing Life's Celebrations Incorporated videotaped the conference for future publicity purposes. All of the conference workshop presenters also need to be thanked for the time and in-kind contributions they made: Alan Appleby, Facilitator; Maria Chow, Manager of Distance Education and Learning Technology - Official Minority Language Office; Jim Gunningham, private consultant and retired Director of Education; Janlyn Rathgeber University of Saskatchewan student and graduate of Melville's French Immersion program; Dr. Helen Horsman, Director of Education - Moose Jaw Roman Catholic School Division; Dr. Vance Mokolky, Director - Lloydminster Roman Catholic School Division; René Archambault, Executive Director - Official Minority Language Office; Dawna Olson (Principal) and Georgette Chrispen (Teacher), Pre-Cam Elementary School - La Ronge; Jacinthe Hodgson, French Consultant - Regina Public School Division; Bev Anderson, Core French Consultant - Official Minority Language Office; Stan Frey, Director, French Curriculum Unit - Official Minority Language Office; Eileen Reimche, Principal, Walter School (Regina Public School Division) and Past President Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of French; Dick Neiman, Executive Director - League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents; Hélène Cook, Principal, Saskatoon French School and Treasurer, Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of French; Joan Hawkins, Researcher Officer - Canadian Parents for French National Office; Dr. Nancy Fraser Child, Director, Baccalaureate en éducation program University of Regina; Dr. Ralph Fram, Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Programs), College of Education - University of Saskatchewan; Sebastien Rock, Réseau francsaskois d'éducation et de communication à distance; Gisèle Piché, Coordinator of Multicultural Programs and Director of Summer Bursary Programs, Centre for Second Language Instruction - University of Saskatchewan; and, Dr. Karen Taylor-Browne, Executive Director - CPF Saskatchewan.

## Summer Camp

The Canadian Parents for French Residential Camp was a great success this year. This camp provides French Immersion and core French students in grades 4 to 10 with an excellent opportunity to speak French in a fun, outside-of-the-classroom setting. The camp was held once again at the Arlington Beach Camp and Conference Center at Arlington Beach, Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002.



This year, a total of over 150 students participated in this fun French experience. The campers enjoyed canoeing, horseback riding, wall-climbing, swimming and various crafts and games. The monitors came from all over the province and one was from Manitoba. Our co-directors for this year were Kara Pilon and Monique Orchard.

**Camp 2003 will again be held at Arlington Beach  
and the dates are August 4 - 16, 2003**

## Advocacy with Élan: Building CPF's Community Profile

The **Chapter Planning** meeting on **January 18** will feature a workshop on advocacy developed by the CPF National office. Chapter Presidents have been invited to attend. If you are particularly interested in advocacy work on behalf of French language programming or CPF, you would also be very welcome to participate. Please call the Branch office as soon as possible if you are interested.

Rendez-vous  
2003  
February 28 - March 1  
in  
Saskatoon

Twenty-four hours of fun in French for immersion students in Grade 6-8 from across the province. This year, Rendez-vous will be held in Saskatoon on February 28 and March 1 to provide a great send off for Core French and French Immersion week. Mark your calendar now. More information will be coming directly to the schools in early January.

## Les Jeux de la francophonie: A First Hand Account

*by Julie Chabot*

The week I spent in Quebec last summer will never be forgotten. It was a trip full of French culture from the people to the food (yummy poutine)! When we arrived in Rivière du Loup we were greeted by TV cameras and many smiling faces. Everyone was very welcoming and we felt special. As we settled ourselves into our rooms more and more provinces kept arriving and they were all chanting French songs about their province. It was almost like a competition between provinces as to who could have the loudest cheer. There were improv groups practicing in the hall, pretending they were bugs stuck to the walls, kids playing hacky sack, throwing Frisbees and bumping volleyballs. The coolest thing about it was that everyone was talking French.

The opening ceremonies were exciting. Each group was dressed in their uniforms and we paraded into a jam packed arena. Everything was so official, from the music to the performances and the lighting of the torch. It was like the Olympics!

The highlight of my stay was watching our Band perform! They were unreal and won gold. It was like a real concert and all the Francophile kids were there to cheer them on. I had the same support when I was running my races. The competition was tough and I wanted to win so badly. But silver will have to do. The friends I met on my trip will never be forgotten and I am still corresponding with several of them. I appreciate the support I received from CPF and hope they will continue to sponsor other students like me.



# Organizations Can Also Receive Our Newsletters

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## GRADES 6-9 GRANT PROGRAM

Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan is accepting submissions from Associate Member Organizations and Chapters of CPF - Saskatchewan who are seeking funding to help them develop extracurricular or enrichment projects for Grades 6-9 students that will accomplish some or all of the following objectives:

- 1) enhance their French language skills,
- 2) make them more aware of French Canadian culture and history,
- 3) make them more aware of French as the day-to-day language of millions of Canadians,
- 4) spotlight and support French-speaking residents of local communities and their language,
- 5) encourage them to study French at the secondary school level,
- 6) sensitize them to the career and personal enrichment opportunities available to Canadians who have a good knowledge of French,
- 7) foster a sense of belonging to a bilingual Canada, and
- 8) provide a meeting place where Francophone and Anglophone young people can communicate in French.

**Applications for amounts up to \$1,500.00 will be considered.**

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## Membership Application Form

CPF allows one or two adults (over 18) per family as voting members.

New Membership: Individual  Family

Renewal: Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Board \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Local CPF Chapter/Section \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership** One Year (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
Three Year (\$60) \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Donations to CPF - SK are welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your support. (CPF - Saskatchewan Charitable Tax # 106865231RR0001)

For payment by:  Visa  Mastercard  Cheque enclosed

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Canadian Parents for French  
Suite 303, 115 - 2nd Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 2B1

Occasionally the CPF membership list will be made available to other groups/agencies to offer members benefits or education-related information. Use of the list will be carefully regulated and only permitted under a contract specifying confidentiality and one-time authorization. **If you do not wish to receive mailings other than directly from CPF, please check this box.**