

CPF-SK Launches Newly Redesigned Website

The Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan (CPF-SK) team is proud to launch its newly redesigned website.

This website will become an important tool of communication for CPF-SK and its members. It was with this goal in mind that the CPF-SK's website was redesigned. In order to better advance the CPF mandate by making the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge more accessible, it was deemed important to more effectively serve CPF-SK members and partners by creating a more reliable means of communication.

In addition, every school, administrator, educator, elected official, parent and youth interested in French as a second language will be able to navigate the site with ease to find valuable and dependable information about CPF-SK, French second language opportunities, education, resources, research, answers to questions and more.

CPF-SK invites you to periodically visit the site at www.cpfask.com for important news and regular updates.

CPF launched The State of French Second Language Education in Canada 2004 at its Conference and Annual General Meeting in Québec City, November 11-14, 2004. This year's edition focuses on core French programs.

Enhancing core French and implementing alternate core French delivery models were identified as major strategies to achieve the goal of doubling the number of functionally bilingual high school graduates by 2013.

For a copy, in English or French, call the CPF-SK office or go to www.cpfask.com, under 'Advocacy & Information', and print off the PDF version under 'Publications'.



Recrutement - Équipe Saskatchewan 2005

Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan is a proud sponsor of Équipe Saskatchewan 2005, the Saskatchewan delegation to *les Jeux de la francophonie canadienne* (JFC) to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from July 20th to the 24th 2005.

The selection of participants for each section of the games will take an innovative approach this year. *Équipe Saskatchewan 2005* partners will work collaboratively with the *Association jeunesse fransaskoise* in the selection of energetic youth from across the province. With two competitive categories and one participatory category, youth will have the opportunity to participate in the games in a variety of activities.



The JFC provide a great deal of opportunities for French second language students to meet and exchange ideas and experiences with Francophones as well as to compete at a national level in various activities. Do you love sports, music or art? Are you proud to speak French? Are you motivated and a team-player? If you are also between the ages of 14-18 (born between 1987 and 1991 inclusively), CPF-SK could help you become part of *Équipe Saskatchewan 2005* and compete in the JFC next summer. Contact the CPF-SK office today to see how you can include the JFC in your summer 2005 plans.

A vos marques...prêts?
Équipe Saskatchewan 2005 is waiting for you!

<http://jeux.fjcf.ca/>



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President's Message



Rose-Marie Bouvier

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to express my gratitude for everyone's ongoing commitment and hard work on behalf of all the FSL students in our province. The dedication and effort of all the volunteers can't be recognized enough and I would just like to say un *gros merci* and that you are sincerely appreciated. The various success stories within the schools and of CPF activities are reflective of the dedication and the continued involvement of the members of CPF. Your contribution will help build a new legacy so that others can benefit from the FSL experience as your children are benefiting from it.

Having begun my term as president this summer, I would also now like to take the opportunity to welcome and thank both Chris and Ginelle for their tremendous work in the office. Along with Lindsay, their untiring enthusiasm, dedication and excellent organizational and administrative skills definitely keep all of CPF in Saskatchewan in great shape!

During the past few months we have been busy building many partnerships with other Francophone and non-Francophone associations to promote collaboration and cooperation. Our dealings with Canadian Heritage have led to a three-year funding contract, which puts us on solid, if somewhat temporary, ground. Over the course of the next few months we will be doing more advocacy. I have already met with Hubert Lussier, the new Executive Director of the Official Languages Support Program of the Department of Canadian Heritage. We have already scheduled a meeting with the Honourable Len Taylor, Minister of Government Relations, which includes the Office of French-Language Coordination (OFLC), and we will try to have meetings with the Minister of Learning, Andrew Thompson, as well as with other Ministers and members of the Legislative Assembly. We are continuing to work with the Official Minority Language Office regarding the one-time funding and the implementation of the Federal Action Plan. The SK Action Group 2013 was put into place this spring following the consultation meeting in March 2004. The group has representation from various organizations including Saskatchewan Learning, the University of Regina, school divisions, Francophone and community organizations. We have had three meetings to date and will continue to work on achieving the goals of the Action Plan.

I also would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting in Québec City in November. The various workshops and meetings certainly provided some valuable information to be used within our own communities. I hope the event has re-energized your spirits and assisted with providing a focus for future activities. To quote Jim Shea, our national Executive Director, you, the members who are the grassroots of this organization, must "lead the way into the Next Act" and ensure quality learning opportunities for our youth. I enjoyed meeting all the chapter representatives and look forward to seeing everyone again at the Chapter Planning Meeting in February. I am pleased to be a part of CPF-SK and I encourage everyone to play an active role in the organization. Please consider participating on a board, be it at the chapter or branch level. The branch board is currently on the lookout for new members: a Director and a Youth Advisory Director. If you are interested or would like to propose someone, please contact any one of us.

Je vous souhaite une joyeux Noël et une bonne et heureuse année. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year.

Sincere congratulations to the newly established branches of Québec and the Northwest Territories. We wish you success in your efforts to promote linguistic duality and French second language opportunities in your provinces!

April 26, 2005 is the date set for French for the future, which will be held in Saskatoon and Regina this year! Please visit www.french-future.org for more information.



CPF-SK Rendez-vous

Well, it's almost the New Year, and CPF-SK is gearing up for Rendez-vous 2005. Rendez-vous will take place from February 25th to the 27th in the Arts Building at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. There will be exciting workshops, opportunities for leadership development and lots of fun activities around this year's theme, *Vivez votre destin!* (Live Your Destiny!). And it will all be *en Français!*

Rendez-vous is an annual event for students in grades six through eight from across Saskatchewan, who are learning French as a second language, and would like a chance to use their French in a fun and practical setting.

This year's activities include a rocking Fransaskois band, swimming, a talent night, and fantastic workshops related to our leadership-based theme. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to develop some new skills as well as meet new friends with similar interests from all over the province.

Do you like to get involved? Are you looking to have fun in French? Would you like to make new friends? Rendez-vous is the weekend for you!

For more information about Rendez-vous, visit the CPF-SK website at www.cpfask.com and click on the "Youth Programmes" section. Register now with your friends to ensure you don't miss out on Rendez-vous 2005!

Do you know a young person between the ages of 18 and 25 who would be a wonderful representative of linguistic duality among Saskatchewan youth? CPF-SK is currently accepting nominations for its newly created position of **Youth Advisory Director** within its Board of Directors. Send in your nomination to the CPF-SK office accompanied by a short introductory letter outlining why this person would be an asset to CPF-SK.

French for Parents

The responses to the beginner French classes offered by Canadian Parents for French - SK have been very positive. The class is designed for parents of children in the early years of French second language learning and gives parents an idea of the kinds of things their children are learning in school. The Level One Course is designed for those who have had minimal or no French language instruction in the past. The Level Two class is for those who have some high school background in French.



The classes run for two hours, one night a week for five weeks. French for Parents classes have been offered in Saskatoon, Estevan, and Lloydminster and there are plans to make them available in other centers as well. If you are interested in bringing these classes to your community, please contact Lindsay at 244.6151 in Saskatoon, or 1.800.561.6151 in the rest of the province.

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Please forward your new address to:
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303-115, 2nd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 2B1
Or call: 306.244.6151 in Saskatoon or
toll free in SK 1.800.561.6151

Coup de coeur francophone 2004 in Saskatchewan

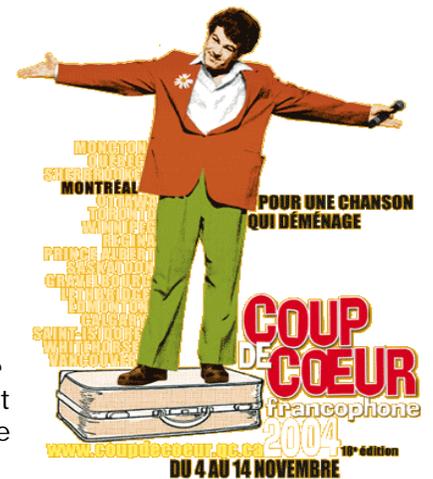
The 18th edition of *Coup de coeur francophone* made its way to Saskatchewan this past November to make French-speaking artists available to the Saskatchewan population. *Coup de Coeur francophone* has a growing pan-Canadian aspect to its network. Designed to increase the circulation of popular French-speaking artists in Canada, smaller communities are now able to have access to well-known Francophone artists and popular culture. Popular Québec artist Antoine Gratton and musical group *Vulgaires machins* were but a few of the artists visiting Saskatchewan.

Sponsored by CPF-SK and in partnership with the *Association jeunesse fransaskoise* (Saskatchewan Francophone youth association), a dozen French second language high-school students were able to attend the concert of the groups *Sol Bémol* and *Vulgaires machins* on November 13th



at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon. The event was filled with electric French music, singing and dancing. The youth who participated in the concert came out of it energized and ready to learn more about French culture in Saskatchewan and Canada.

For more information about *Coup de Coeur francophone* and its next visit to Saskatchewan, visit their website at www.coupdecoeur.qc.ca.



CPF-SK would like to congratulate the following schools on their acceptance for a SEVEC exchange programme:

École Monseigneur Blaise-Morand - North Battleford
 Preeceville School - Preeceville
 École Elsie Mironuck School - Regina
 École Victoria School - Saskatoon
 Sask Rivers School Division - Prince Albert



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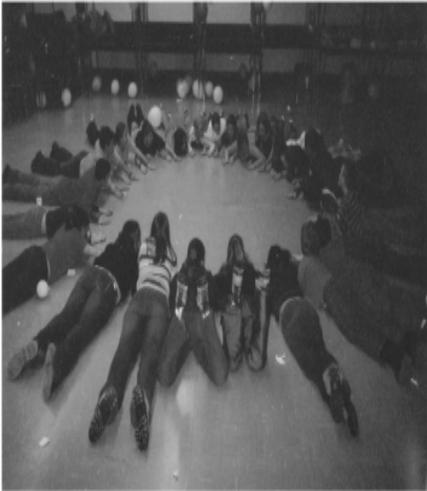
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Half page	\$150.00
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CPF-SK prints 900 newsletters, three times each year. They are mailed to approximately 900 members that include individuals, schools, and organizations.

If you are interested, please call us at 306.244.6151 or toll free at 1.800.561.6151

Mini Rendez-vous

Picture a room full of children pulling taffy or contemplating "My life as a Tree". This is what would greet you if you dropped in on one of our Mini Rendez-vous events recently.



This fall, these Saturday workshops were held in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, North Battleford, and Melville. Led by a group of enthusiastic young French language monitors from Saskatoon, up to 52 children per weekend played games, enjoyed music, science or drama activities and had a lot of fun. More Mini Rendez-vous are planned for the New Year. If your chapter hasn't booked your Saturday, please contact Lindsay at the CPF-SK office. If you have no chapter in your community, contact Lindsay about how to form one.

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et l'année à venir.**

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*L'équipe CPF-SK vous souhaite un joyeux temps des fêtes
et une nouvelle et heureuse année remplie de paix et
bonheur.*

Calendar of Events & Ideas

<u>December</u>	27 - 31	CPF-SK Office Closed for Holidays
<u>January</u>	29	Mini-Rendez-vous (Nipawin)
	14 - 16	Preparatory Workshops for les Jeux de la francophonie (Saskatoon)
	21 - 23	Preparatory Workshops for les Jeux de la francophonie (Bellevue)
	28 - 30	Preparatory Workshops for les Jeux de la francophonie (Regina)
<u>February</u>	7-11	French Immersion and Core French Week
	9-10	French Book Fair (Yorkton)
	14-19	Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week
	15	Grades 6-9 Grant Program application deadline for projects taking place between April 1 & August 31, 2005
	25-27	Provincial Rendez-vous (University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon)
	26	CPF-SK Chapter planning meeting (Sandman Hotel, Saskatoon)
<u>March</u>	1-5	French Book Fair (Saskatoon)
	8-10	French Book Fair (Prince Albert)
	14-19	French Book Fair (Regina)
	20	Journée internationale de la Francophonie
	22-23	French Book Fair (Moose Jaw)
<u>April</u>	4-8	French Book Fair (Gravelbourg)
	16	Chicane Électrique competition for places on les Jeux de la francophonie team (Regina)
	19-20	French Book Fair (Lloydminster)
	25-26	French Book Fair (North Battleford)
	26	French for the Future (St.Thomas More College, Saskatoon)
	30	Provincial Concours d'art oratoire (Holy Cross School, Saskatoon)
<u>May</u>	3-4	French Book Fair (Zenon Park)
	28	National Concours d'art oratoire (University of Ottawa, Ottawa)
<u>July</u>	15	Grades 6-9 Grant Program application deadline for projects taking place between September 1 & December 31, 2005
	20-24	<i>les Jeux de la Francophonie canadienne</i>

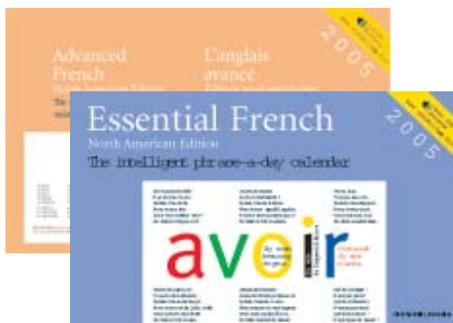


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303 - 115, 2nd Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 2B1

GRADES 6-9 GRANT PROGRAMME

Canadian Parents for French - SK is accepting submissions from **Associate Member Organizations** and Chapters of CPF - SK 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
- 8) Provide a meeting place where Francophone and Anglophone young people can communicate in French

Applications for amounts up to \$1,000.00 will be considered.

For further information please contact us

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Membership Application Form

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New Membership: Individual Family

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