

Fête du soleil!

Summer time in the office of Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan means Fête du soleil!

This popular one-week summer camp program was offered once again by CPF-SK in conjunction with local chapters. The workshops were led by bilingual university students who were chosen for their experience and enthusiasm and who developed the themes and activities for the whole week. This program offered exciting games, crafts, sports, music and tons of fun, and all in French. This year, we had four Fêtes in total, including the one in Prince Albert, which the chapter organized and lead themselves for the second consecutive summer.

Lloydminster, Yorkton and Saskatoon each enjoyed a fun week of programming offered by this summer's Fête du soleil monitors: Emilie Lebel, from Moose-Jaw, Marie-Anne Létourneau from La Pocatière in Québec, Sarah Nadeau from Saskatoon and myself, Jacqueline Perrault from Zenon Park. The four of us enjoyed our time in the communities and would like to thank the chapters for their warm welcome and for all their hospitality.

Our first camp, in Lloydminster, took place from July 23rd to July 25th at École St Thomas School. A total of 39 participants attended the three day camp. On the last day of camp the chapter had planned an excursion to Bud Miller, and to our great satisfaction the weather

cooperated to make the day a very memorable one for all.

The following week was the Yorkton Fête du soleil, which took place at the École St. Paul's School. This fête had a total of 13 participants. Even though the group was small, the children enjoyed themselves very much and everything ran smoothly. This year's excursion was at a gymnastics studio. Jessica, the gymnastics instructor, led the children in a workshop that tested their flexibility and their balance. We were very impressed with the children's gymnastics abilities!



Then finally, at the end of the summer from August 18th to the 21st, the Saskatoon Fête du soleil took place. This year's total of participants was 29. Though we remained at École Henry Kelsey School the entire time, the kids had tons of fun. Especially on Thursday the 21st when a clown came to visit and taught the children how to do all sorts of clown tricks. We also had an Astro Jump, which topped off the excitement of this festive day.

Needless to say it was a very enjoyable summer! Next year we are hoping that more and more children will benefit from this exciting summer camp, an experience kids don't want to miss. Thanks again to the chapters who hosted us and for making us feel so welcome!

Jacqueline Perrault
Lead Fête du Soleil Monitor



CPF - SK Board of Directors

Valerie Miller - President



Valerie Miller was born, raised, and educated in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Saskatchewan, Val entered the After Degree Program at the College of Education also at the University of Saskatchewan and qualified for a Professional "A" Teaching Certificate. She has taught grades six to twelve as well as in the Adult Education field. It was while she was teaching in Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan that Val came to see the value of a bilingual education.

Although Val considers herself a stay-at-home mom, Val has remained active in education as a volunteer literacy tutor and a substitute instructor at Parkland Regional College in Yorkton. She was recently elected as a trustee to the new East Central Public School Division Board.

Val was president of the CPF Yorkton chapter for four years from 2000-2004. She then went on to serve on the Branch Board for three years. Val is married and has three children.

Suzanne Rollo - Vice-President



Suzanne started in the field of education in 1972, teaching core French in Saskatoon and then in the French immersion program in Prince Albert in 1974. Her family moved to Regina in 1980 where she completed her education degree. She taught at École Mgr de Laval for four years and then went on to teach grade one at St. Mary's School for a few years.

From 1987 to 2000 Suzanne worked at the dual track St. Angela School where she coordinated the French immersion program. She was a part of a small group who lobbied for smaller class sizes at the beginner level and achieved the current mandate to limit class sizes to 23 at the kindergarten to grade 3 levels in the Regina Catholic School system. In 2001 she became Vice-Principal at St. Pius X and since 2002 has been Principal at St. Mary where she graciously allowed CPF-SK to hold its Rendez-vous in February 2004.

For many years Suzanne has been a staunch supporter of CPF's Concours d'art oratoire. She firmly believes Concours improves writing, oral and public speaking skills of students and that it should be a part of the curriculum. She has also promoted many other CPF-SK activities and involvements over the years.

Currently living in Regina, Suzanne has three children who went through the French Immersion program and have benefited greatly from the skills of their second language.

Natasha Vetter - Treasurer / Secretary



Natasha was born and raised in Prince Albert and now lives in Saskatoon. She is currently in her fourth and final year at the University of Saskatchewan pursuing a double degree in chemistry and biochemistry, with plans to enter into forensics. Her French education began in preschool and continued up until her final year of high school, where she graduated with a bilingual certificate. Following high school, she was recruited onto the board of directors of CPF-SK as the Youth Advisory Director for three years, where she provided youthful insight into the dynamics of French second-language education. She plans to remain on the board until bylaws mandate otherwise.

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Eric Bolay - Director



Eric Bolay is an Educational Associate for Special Education in Prince Albert, where he lives with his wife Lori, daughter Kiara, a grade 11 French immersion student at Carlton Comprehensive High School, sons Jordan, graduated from French immersion in 2008 and Loic, a grade four French immersion student at Vickers. Eric was born in Lausanne, Switzerland and immigrated in Canada in 1988, just in time for the Olympics Games in Calgary!! Eric's first involvement in education was as a French monitor with both Prince Albert School Divisions. He was hooked! After being daddy at home for few years, he became an EA thirteen years ago.

Eric has been actively promoting oral French for the past seventeen years in Prince Albert as a member of Canadian Parents for French, a judge for Concours d'art oratoire, an instructor/co-ordinator for the government program "Dialogue Canada" at SIAST, a French immersion EA, and a French tutor to many students. He also co-founded the first French Immersion Parents Advisory Council (FIPAC) in Prince Albert. Recently he co-organised the 20th Anniversary of French Immersion in the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division, which came on the same time as the 40th for French Immersion in Canada, 30th for Canadian Parents for French and 10th for FIPAC! Eric remains passionately committed to bilingualism, and eagerly anticipated the opportunity to serve as a director on the CPF-SK board.

Claudette Anderson - Director



Claudette was born and raised Fransaskoise and is very proud of her culture. She has been married for 20 years and is a mother of four. All of her children have done their schooling in French immersion in La Ronge. She is a dental therapist by profession but was at home with her children for 14 years. She is grateful that she had the opportunity to pass her language and culture to her children as they are now all bilingual and proud of it. Claudette is presently assisting at Pre-Cam School in La Ronge as a tutor in the French immersion program. She views this work as an open door which invites her to share her language with all of the children in French immersion. They have fun in French and develop vocabulary to expand the brain. Claudette is constantly inspired and motivated by the French immersion teachers around her and she hopes to continue to assist children in their learning.

Monique Myers - Director



Monique Joelle Therese Myers was born in Aylmer, Quebec. She attended Ottawa University where she received both a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in English and a minor in Psychology, as well as a Bachelor of Education. Monique was then sent out to Saskatchewan to teach at Wawota Parkland School. She was thrown from living in a large urban center into a small prairie town and was extremely close to calling it quits and moving back home to Quebec when she met a young farmer by the name of Ken Myers. They got married in 1983 and now have a son, Steven, and a daughter, Lisa.

Monique has continued to teach at Wawota Parkland School and throughout the years has established a strong link to the school, as well the community. She has volunteered for many charitable organizations and has spent relentless hours after school helping with extra-curricular activities. Her dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm for teaching, especially French, has motivated the students at Wawota Parkland to work to their full potential. Her family and friends are extremely proud of what she has done for the school and community and anticipate what she intends to do in the years to come.

Message from the President

I would like to thank the current branch board and membership of CPF-Saskatchewan for the privilege of serving as branch president this year.

I became a member of CPF in 1999. I served as president of the Yorkton chapter for four years and as a director on the branch board for three years. During this time French-second-language education has changed. As recently reported in the State of French-Second-Language Report 2008, Saskatchewan has experienced a steady increase in the number of French immersion students. Saskatchewan has also introduced intensive core-French, with more schools coming on board yearly. While this is definitely good news, many of these increases have occurred in cities leaving rural students at a disadvantage. The phasing out and cancelling of French-second language programs due to declining enrolments is just one of the challenges we as CPF members need to address. Other challenges that continue include a shortage of qualified French teachers, the discouraging of special needs children from entering French immersion programs and the retention of high school students in French-second-language programs. We also need to encourage our Department of Education to work with other education departments across Canada to develop an assessment tool for evaluating the proficiency of our secondary and post-secondary graduates to ensure that Saskatchewan students continue to be some of the most proficient French speakers in Canada.

At our first branch board meeting this fall, we met with Mary Reeves (former Director of Education for the Regina Catholic School Division, former vice-president of CPF National and former National board member) to discuss policy governance, our roles and responsibilities as branch directors and the Pan-Canadian Strategic Plan 2009-2013. As a result we have embarked on a review of our provincial policies which will be completed at our next meeting. Strategic planning to try to address the challenges listed above will also begin at this meeting.

Your ideas and suggestions as CPF members are always welcome at the Branch Board table as we move forward together in our mission to continue to work for the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for our youth.

I am looking forward to working with our chapter executives as well as my fellow provincial directors: Eric, Natasha, Claudette, Monique and Suzanne, my co-chair, and Karen, our executive director, and her staff.

Best wishes for a successful year,

Val Miller

Farewell to Broard Members

Merci beaucoup mesdames!

Georgette Crispen, from La Ronge, was first nominated as director to the Saskatchewan branch board on June 8th, 2002, and acted in the position of secretary/treasurer from 2005-2008. Devoting six years to the board, Georgette provided a welcome voice from the Saskatchewan north. Her perspective, wisdom and sense of humour will be dearly missed by the board, but we look forward to working with Georgette at the La Ronge chapter level.

Elizabeth Moar was nominated to the provincial board as a director on June 10th, 2006. Hailing from Prince Albert, Elizabeth left the board after her first term and plans to devote more time to the local chapter. Always prepared and positive, Elizabeth brought a balanced, thoughtful and calm approach to board decisions. She will also be dearly missed.



Val Miller & Georgette Crispen



Val Miller & Elizabeth Moar

Strong Supporter of CPF-SK Leaves Endowment

Mary Joyce Booth was well known in CPF circles for many years before her death on March 22, 2007. Her interest in French-second-language initiatives started early in her career and her passion for language issues lasted throughout her life. Her assistance to CPF and the mark she leaves upon it will remain immeasurable. As she did in life, Joyce continues to support CPF in death. Joyce left CPF-Saskatchewan an endowment of \$75,000.00.

It is with extreme humility and gratitude that the branch board and office will establish a sustainable award or scholarship to honour Mary Joyce Booth. If all goes according to plans, the first award will be presented at the next President's Reception which is to take place on Friday, June 12th, 2009 in Saskatoon at the Radisson Hotel.

We celebrate the life of Mary Joyce Booth and we will forever be grateful to her for her steadfast support.

The following article on Mary Joyce Booth appeared in the CPF - National newsletter in the Fall 2007/Winter 2008 issue.

A friend of CPF - Remembering Joyce Booth, 1928 - 2007 By Laura Van Loon

CPF has lost a distinguished and vibrant supporter of French-second-language programs (FSL) and opportunities in Canada.

Professor Joyce Booth grew up in an English-speaking household in multiethnic and multilingual Thunder Bay, Ontario. Her mother spoke French and her father, who served in the British army, may have had a working knowledge of French. He had learned Hindustani in British Guyana where he was an overseer of a plantation with many immigrant workers from India. The stage was set for Joyce's many interests and especially in learning French.

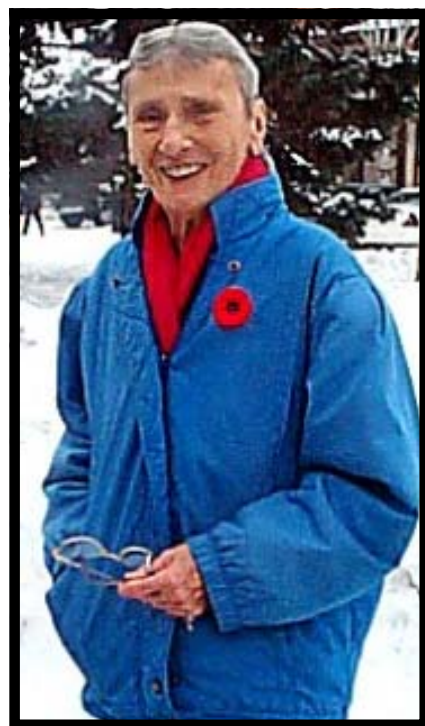
After she graduated from Queen's University with a B.A., Joyce took a cruise to France. In 1956-57 she returned to the Sorbonne University in Paris to earn two diplomas in a combination of language, literature, sociology, history and geography. By now her French would have had to be near native-like and likely this is where she gained a distinct Gaullist lilt to her speech. She chose to study for her M.A. at Laval University in Quebec and then attended the University of Alberta for her Ph.D.

Joyce accepted the position as a Professor of French in the College of Education, Curriculum Studies Department, at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Nothing deterred Professor Joyce Booth whose distinct voice, tireless motivation, fearless energies and sometimes nagging reminders moved university deans and government decision-makers to "see the light" as it affected French as a second language.

Joyce's indomitable spirit was captured in her phrases such as, "All hands on deck!", "Shoulders to the wheel!" or the most famous one, "Courage! À l'attaque!" I remember when Concours d'art oratoire was first introduced in Saskatoon in 1982, Joyce was 110 per cent ready to help. Her support was endless for opportunities for our young FSL students to speak up and speak out. She encouraged her students to have opportunities to use French by working for CPF summer camps, Fun Club and Rendez-vous.

Joyce's enthusiasm spoke tons for FSL in other areas. She worked hard for the University of Saskatchewan Summer Language Program, and to establish Le Coin Français in 1990. The students, teacher interns and university faculty could now have an area in the Education Library for the French language curriculum materials which had been previously integrated with the English collection.

Providing moral, professional, personal and financial assistance to all levels of CPF over the years has demonstrated Joyce's dedication and support for Concours, Le Festival, annual CPF State of French Language Education in Canada Report, and numerous other programs, projects and resources produced by the National office. Joyce has left her footprint for generations today and tomorrow as she bequeathed the residual of her estate to CPF Saskatchewan and National.



The author, Laura Van Loon, served as CPF President during 1995-96.

President's Reception

The President's Reception was a great success. The event, which took place on the evening of Friday June 13th at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon, saw an eclectic gathering of people coming together to recognize and celebrate the benefits of French-second-language learning opportunities in Saskatchewan. The large crowd demonstrated enthusiasm and a sense of fun as they mingled with others coming from a wide variety of sectors and organizations.

The program was emceed by Val Miller, President of the board of Directors. The Honourable Dan D'Autremont, MLA from Cannington, brought greeting from the Government of Saskatchewan, while Pat Atkinson, MLA for Saskatoon Nutana, brought greeting from the Official Opposition. Mayor Don Atchison was also in attendance and brought greetings from the City of Saskatoon. The presentation of volunteer awards followed.

Representatives from several levels of government, the Coalition, L'Institut français, Saskatchewan Organization of Heritage Languages, French Education Branch of Saskatchewan Learning, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, Conseil des écoles fransaskoises, schools and school boards, Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of French, Saskatchewan Youth Heritage Fair, CPF Alumni, and many others, attended.

The evening was filled with wonderful moments: beautiful music provided by pianist Prasun Das, delicious platters of food, heart-warming and humorous moments when the volunteer awards were presented and accepted, abundant laughter and great conversation, and much support from people who recognize the benefits of French-second-language education for our community, province and country.

We look forward to strengthening the important relationships we have established with our valued partners.



Val Miller



Dan D'Autremont



Pat Atkinson



Don Atchison



Suzanne Rollo, Eric Bolay & Elizabeth Moar



Ruth Robinson & Dan D'Autremont



Don Atchison & Pat Atkinson



Murray Scharf speaks in honour of Mary Joyce Booth



Marge Scharf & Val Miller



Prasun Das

Thank you & Congratulations!

Merci & Félicitations!

Elmer Hynes Award

This CPF National-sponsored Volunteer Award will cease to exist after 2008, so the branch board took great care to select the most fitting recipient for the final presentation of the Elmer Hynes Award.

Natasha Vetter presented the award to the teacher who influenced her own French immersion education, Jara MacFarlane. Jara has always provided outstanding leadership while promoting French-second-language opportunities for young people. She is committed to educating youth in the French language by her involvement with the French Immersion Pre-school Program in Prince Albert. She is the chapter president of CPF-PA and her many volunteer efforts include organizing annual Mini Rendez-vous, French reading programs, summer camp programs, fundraisers, membership events and teacher appreciation luncheons.



Jara MacFarlane

Volunteer Award

CPF-SK would like to recognise the contribution of Amanda Nickel who has served the Nipawin chapter as a tireless worker and advocate for French -second-language education. As a volunteer, Amanda has educated herself about CPF and French language education by reading years of CPF minutes, masses of background material including the Education Act and talking to many experts in French language education. Some of her many accomplishments include presenting the School Division with a plan to support and rebuild the French immersion program in Nipawin and holding a pre-kindergarten information night for parents while fun-filled child care was provided by high school French immersion students. Despite the sudden cancellation of French immersion in Nipawin, Amanda continues to work to keep the CPF chapter relevant in the community.



Amanda Nickel

Inspiring Teacher Awards

Upon receiving the six nominations for the Inspiring Teacher Award from various regions in Saskatchewan the board was faced with a challenge. Each candidate proved to be enthusiastic and passionate about providing French-second-language opportunities in the schools as well as the communities. The competition was so great this year that the board decided to offer two awards in the categories of core French and French immersion.

The core French Award went to Mme Lynette Schmitt who teaches at St. George School in Saskatoon. She is an energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated teacher who promotes the use of French language in and outside of the classroom as well as encourages participation in CPF activities.

The recipient of the French immersion Award was Francine Gauthier from Gravelbourg High School. She contributes enormously to the success of the French immersion program and consistently encourages the use of French language in and outside of the classroom. Francine both promotes and supports CPF activities by actively involving her students in Rendez-vous and Francofièvre.



Lynette Schmitt & Elizabeth Moar

New CPF-SK Staff

New Administrative Assistant

Breanne Curtis has been working as the Administrative Assistant at the CPF office since mid-May. She is thrilled to be part of CPF because French has been a factor in her life since the age of five in many different ways. She attended the French Immersion program at École River Heights in Saskatoon from kindergarten to grade 6. Following this, grades 7 to 9 were completed in Wynyard, Saskatchewan where she continued French by correspondence. Upon returning to Saskatoon for grades 10 to 12 she took French elective classes at Aden Bowman and in grade 11 took part in an amazing three week exchange to Tours, France.

A few years after high school, Breanne moved to Montreal, Quebec and attended Concordia University for four years. There she completed a double major in Canadian History and Études Françaises. She moved back to Saskatoon in November of 2007 to be closer to her family and to get involved with French language on the Canadian prairies. She is sure that French will forever be a part of her life and is grateful to have had the opportunity to acquire a French base through the immersion school system. Breanne will continue striving to not only keep French language opportunities available to Canadians, but to help expand and improve those opportunities, making Canada a more truly bilingual country.



New Youth Programming Officer

Hi! My name is Amanda Girardin and I am very excited to be the newest member of the Canadian Parents for French-Saskatchewan team as the Youth Programming officer! I have had some youth programming experience working for AJF (French youth association) and also four seasons at Batoche National Historic Site of Canada as a heritage interpreter. I look forward to planning fun and exciting programming for French-speaking youth across the province.

I grew up in a small francophone community south of Swift Current with a French speaking father and an English speaking mother. I was able to take French immersion classes until Grade 8 and then my family moved to an Anglophone community where I continued with core French classes (the only option for French classes). Over the years, I have learned that when it comes to language skills..."You either use it or lose it". We were speaking less and less French at home and there were no francophone youth programs in our town so I was quickly losing any of my French skills. After being undecided what program to enroll in at the University of Saskatchewan I settled for mostly French classes to try and regain some of those lost skills. After my first few classes I realized that I was intrigued with not only the French language and its origins but the culture and literature. I was privileged to receive a summer language bursary that allowed me to study French in Trois Pistoles, Québec for 6 weeks. I was immediately drawn into the francophone culture and all that it had to offer. In 2006 I graduated with an Arts degree with a major in French and a minor in history.

I decided that because my personal life was for the most part spoken in English I wanted a job where I could use my French skills and started at the provincial French youth association (Association jeunesse fransaskoise) in September 2006 as an assistant project coordinator. I learned of CPF while working on the Foire des carrières (career fair). I was amazed that such an organization existed and even that there was such a wonderful francophone community right under my nose all these years!

As a product from both the immersion and core French programs with only one parent who spoke French, I fully understand the difficulty that English speaking parents face when enrolling their children in French schools. Trust me- they will be eternally grateful when they are older as I am to my own parents! My francophone background and education has opened so many doors for me and ultimately brought me here to CPF! I am thrilled to promote the French language and culture through CPF and hope that the activities that I will be planning offer the same excitement and enthusiasm to the youth that I've also found within the francophone community!



Being Released October 2008

The State of French-Second-Language Education in Canada 2008

INVITED COMMENTARIES

CPF believes that every child should have equitable access to the French-second-language (FSL) program of their choice. The 2008 report will feature commentaries that identify practices that limit and discourage enrolment.

Opening the Doors to Official Language Learning for Allophones

Callie Mady, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Nipissing.

Is Immersion Right for Students with Academic Challenges?

Fred Genesee, Professor, Department of Psychology, McGill University

Growth in BC's Immersion Program Limited by a Return to Caps and Lotteries

CPF - British Columbia & Yukon

Inequitable Transportation to Immersion Programs: an Obstacle to Enrolment

CPF - Ontario

French Immersion: When and Why

Joe Dicks, Professor, Faculty of Education, University of New Brunswick & Paula Kristmanson, Assistant Professor, Second Language Education Centre, University of New Brunswick

NATIONAL FRENCH-SECOND-LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTING

CPF supports the development and implementation of national, standardized FSL proficiency tests. Larry Vandergrift, Director, Research Centre of the Institute of Official Languages and Bilingualism, University of Ottawa and Co-Editor, Canadian Modern Language Review provides an update on the European Language Portfolio project.

LABOUR MARKET DEMAND FOR BILINGUAL EMPLOYEES

CPF commissioned Ipsos-Reid to conduct a survey of employers regarding bilingual positions in selected occupations in the growing service sector to provide factual information about the career benefits of official language bilingualism in Canada. Respondents were interviewed regarding the number and nature of bilingual positions, the availability of bilingual employees, and employer attitudes about the importance of bilingual capacity in their companies.

FSL ENROLMENT TRENDS

Doug Hart, Institutional Researcher, University of Toronto provides an analysis of national trends in FSL enrolment, as well as trends in each province and territory.

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CPF advocacy position statements
(also available online at www.cpf.ca):

- Equitable Access to FSL programs
- Quality FSL Programs
- Range of Entry Points and Program Choices
- Shared Responsibility for FSL Education
- Second Language Proficiency Testing

CPF encourages all members to get involved, stay informed, and advocate for quality FSL programs for all youth in Canada.

Get your copy of *The State of French-Second-Language Education in Canada 2008* this Fall by contacting a CPF Branch near you or by downloading from our new site at www.cpf.ca.



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Francofièvre Another Rally of Western Canada

For its third edition, almost 2000 students from all across Saskatchewan gathered on May 8th, 2008 at Saskatoon Prairieland Park to participate for the most crazy and contagious disease – Francofièvre! This event offered young people not only a program of exciting French - language entertainment, but also a chance for Francophone and Francophile youth to come together and share the French language and culture.



The opening night of Francofièvre brought to the stage local talent and well-known groups such as Swing, Les Cireux d'Semelles and Samajan, amongst others. All those who came at this event enjoyed explosive rhythms and waves of percussion complemented by sounds from guitar, fiddle, mandolin, button accordion, Irish bouzouki, didgeridoo as well as other

traditional instruments. Each experienced musician presented their unique style in an energetic performance which excited all students and teachers.

This event marked a renewed initiative from the Coalition for the promotion of the French language and the Francophone culture in Saskatchewan.

Francofièvre proved one more time that French speaking youth have many different learning tools that can support a learner's journey. Be proud of French and its rich culture that is offered to all.

À la prochaine!



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Concours d'art oratoire 2008

Concours d'art oratoire is an annual public speaking event for students from grades 1 to 12 who are studying French as a second-language in Saskatchewan and across the country. The objective of this event is to further stimulate the interest of English speaking students in the learning of French. Researching, preparing, writing, memorizing and delivering speeches are activities that contribute to the development of language skills.

Schools around the province host their own public speaking competitions for students beginning in grade one. The winners progress to competitions held by local school divisions. Students in grades 6 to 12 who place first or second at their divisional event are given the opportunity to participate at the provincial level.

This year, the Provincial Final of Concours d'art oratoire was held in Saskatoon, on Saturday, April 26th at E.D.Feehan High School and was a success. The 75 participating students chose a subject in which they were particularly interested. Their speeches were designed to inform, convince and even amuse the audience.

Students were judged on quality of language, voice, choice of subject, gesture and their response to a question from the jury. Judges were given a small token of appreciation for their contribution of time and effort to this daylong event.

Saskatchewan was represented at the national finals in Ottawa on May 31st, 2008 by Jordan Bolay (Francophone category), Constanze Kuester (Core French) and Linh La (French immersion). Congratulations to all participants for their efforts and to the teachers, judges, administrators and parents for their support. No matter the level of fluency in French, Concours d'art oratoire is a chance for all participants to connect with French and to appreciate the language not only as a tool of communication but also as a form of art.

CPF-SK gratefully acknowledges the financial support provided by the French Education Branch as well as the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Next year, the Provincial Final will be held in Saskatoon on April 25th, 2009. To find out more about this event, please contact CPF-SK office at 244-6151 or visit our website at www.cpsask.com. Information packages will be sent to the interested schools in early January.

2008 Provincial Final Results

French Immersion Grade 6

First Place – Katrina Anna Mackinnon, École Monseigneur Blaise Morand, North Battleford

Second Place – Marie Chatlain, St. Matthew School, Saskatoon

Third Place – Michelle Tomasiewicz, St. Angela Merici, Regina

French Immersion Grade 7

First Place – Joshua Balius, Massey School, Regina

Second Place – Anastasia Statsenko, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon

Third Place – Madeline Parker, Massey School, Regina

French Immersion Grade 8

First Place – Patricia Foster, St. Margaret School, Moose Jaw

Second Place – Chelsea Andrews, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon

Third Place – Bronwyn Edwards, Saskatoon French School, Saskatoon

French Immersion Grades 9-10

First Place – Hurria Gondal, Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon

Second Place – Avnee Paranjape, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Third Place – Zoe Laverdure, Sacred Heart School, Yorkton

French Immersion Grades 11-12

First Place – Linh La, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Second Place – Kelsey van Dyke, Campbell Collegiate, Regina

Third Place – Emma Hamelin, Zenon Park School

Core French Grades 11-12

First Place – Constanze Kuester, Sacred Heart School, Yorkton

Francophone Grades 9-10

First Place – Élisabeth Fortier, Zenon Park School

Francophone Grades 11-12

First Place – Jordan Bolay, Carlton Comprehensive High School, Prince Albert

Second Place – David Fortier, Zenon Park School

Good to know... Provincial winners from grades 11 and 12 advance to a national competition. National winners of Concours d'art oratoire are offered a \$ 20,000 scholarship to continue French studies at the University of Ottawa.



Provincial winners who represented Saskatchewan in Ottawa on May 31st, 2008. From left, Constanze Kuester, Jordan Bolay and Linh La.

Calendar of Events

October 2008

- 5 International Education Day
- 5 International World Teacher's Day
- 9-12 *Mil neuf cent dix-huit* by Kevin Kerr, performed by La Troupe Du Jour (Saskatoon)
- 16-19 Youth Parliament (AJF)
- 16-19 CPF- National " Access To The Future" Conference/AGM (Ottawa)
- 16-19 *Mil neuf cent dix-huit* by Kevin Kerr, performed by La Troupe Du Jour (Saskatoon)
- 17-Deadline for Parlement franco-canadien du Nord et de l'Ouest (AJF)
- 20-27 Library week in Saskatchewan

November 2008

- 7 - 8 *Bashir Lazhar* by Évelyn de la Chenelière, performed by La Troupe du Jour (Saskatoon)
- 8 Mini Rendez-vous (Melville)
- 13-16 Parlement franco-canadien du Nord et de l'Ouest (AJF)
- 14 Deadline for Volunteer of the Year Award
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 29 Mini Rendez-vous (Saskatoon)

December 2008

- 5 International Day of Volunteers
- 5 - Presentation of Volunteer Award by chapters
- 11 - 12 *Les Mots d'ados* by Amanda Gaudet, Camille Gaudet, Carlie Douglas and Gabrielle Dufresne performed by La Troupe du Jour (Saskatoon)
- 13 Franco-Noël (AJF)

French For Parents

French for Parents classes are designed to introduce parents to basic vocabulary and sentence structure - the kind of things your children will be learning in the early years of elementary school.

French for Parents classes are offered by chapters around Saskatchewan. Contact your local chapter president or the CPF-SK office for more information on how you can participate.

Book Your Multimedia Kit

These kits are available for a six-week loan period per Associate Member school each year. The Multimedia Kits consist of French-language videos, CDs, CD-ROMs, cassettes, books, and games for the use of students in kindergarten to grade 8.

Contact CPF-SK as soon as possible to see a sample inventory or book a kit for your school today!

Rendez-vous 'Le Triple Effet'

The three Rendez-vous allow French immersion and intensive French students in grades 6 to 8 to have fun in French outside the school setting. Each Rendez-vous takes place in a different location in Saskatchewan, allowing your child to make friends with children all over the province. With French language as the focal point, 'Le Triple Effet' is a unique experience!

To find out more, please contact the office at 244-6151 (toll free 1880-561-6151) or check our website at www.cpfask.com

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