

CURRENT NEWS from North Van!
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Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30pm- at the Le Bistro Chez Michel, 224 Esplanade West, North Vancouver. CPF bought appies and we held the business part of the meeting between courses! Thanks to those who attended, see details on the "meetings page. more info cpfnorthvan@gmail.com

SCHOOL REPS NEEDED: New parent reps needed for Boundary Elementary, Larson Elementary and Argyle Secondary.....contact us if you can be the CPF Liaison for these schools! Your students and staff will be missing out on great opportunities if we don't have a parent rep at these sites. Rep or Co-Rep positions are always available at all of our elementary and secondary FI schools...please contact cpfnorthvan@gmail.com for more information.

Get ready for the MEMBERSHIP DRIVE this Fall....the more members that we have renewing or signing up as new members, the more funding we receive to spend in North Vancouver! 80% of all membership fees come directly back to your home chapter, so please sign up now or renew your membership so we can continue to provide excellent support to all of our French language students in North Vancouver schools. Click on the "Join CPF" link to the left on this page.

CPF/NV's QUEBEC TRIP CONTEST - 2011 winners announced!

See the poster attached at the bottom of this page.

The winners of our first annual contest are:

Riley Elholm - 1st place - \$125 prize

Zoe Koenigsfest - 2nd place - \$75 prize

We will be posting an online link to their presentations soon!

Students can enter our new **QUEBEC TRIP CONTEST** by submitting

a PowerPoint presentation about their own Quebec Trip to win \$CASH\$ prizes.

See contest rules for eligibility and details or email cpfnorthvan@gmail.com

For any students attending this year's **District Quebec trip in**

May'2011 -

Thinking about entering next year's contest?

Plan ahead and take lots of photos of your trip and watch for details of the next contest!

CONCOURS d'ART ORATOIRE - DISTRICT EVENT Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at LMCC

CONCOURS d'ART ORATOIRE (French Public Speaking Contest sponsored annually by CPF/NV-BC-NATIONAL) This year's district Concours was held on WEDNESDAY, April 6th at LMCC. Organized by the school district French teachers, this annual public speaking contest begins at each school with individual teachers who encourage their classes to practice their French writing and oral skills. Students usually prepare oral presentations to perform in front of their classes and other students in the school and a selection of these students will be eligible to advance to the District and, perhaps the Provincial or National level. More details can be found on the CPF/BC webpages by clicking [here](#). Find out whether you can support your school's Concours experience in the future by talking to your Grade 6 to 12 teachers about what is happening at your school. **PLEASE SEE FULL LIST OF the 2011 [DISTRICT WINNERS](#) on our "Events" page on this website and a list of the [Provincial Winners](#) on the CPF/BC website.** Congratulations to all the students who participated and placed in this annual event. **The Provincial Concours will take place in Surrey on Saturday, May 7th, 2011.**

MERCI BEAUCOUP to our local FRIENDS of CPF/North Vancouver

*Empire Esplanade Theatres
KidsBooks in Edgemont Village*

Topic: Grade 7 to 8 transition in French Immersion - Staying in French at Handsworth Feb16'11, 700pm

This was a very successful event with about 40 people in attendance!

The Grade 12 student panel of Juliana, Richard, and Conrad accompanied by Handsworth teacher Mme Mayrand provided some great insight into the secondary French Immersion program.

Merci beaucoup to our Handsworth CPF parent rep Lindsey Buchanan for organizing and hosting this session.

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FRENCH FILM FEST 2011, February 9, 2011 -Merci beaucoup!

Thanks to all the students, teachers, and parents who came to the movies!

and our thanks to [Empire Esplanade Theatres](#) and the terrific staff that made everything work at this event.

Nearly 1,600 primary, intermediate and secondary French Immersion students in Grades 1 to 12 attended from all 10 of our North Vancouver French Immersion Schools. Thanks for the tremendous support for this important cultural and fundraising event for CPF/North Vancouver! We hope that anyone who attended will provide feedback about the films, the venue, and the schedule so we can have an even better French Film Festival next year. cpfnorthvan@gmail.com

Check out our "[EVENTS](#)" page for full details.

SUMMER CAMPS 2011:

- **Check out the CPF/BC's Events pages under "[Camps](#)" and [CPF/National websites camp listings](#) for more information.**
- **[BC FAMILY FRENCH CAMPS \(www.bcffc.com\)](#). *
*REGISTRATION OPEN Sunday, January 24'11 ****

Educacentre's [French for Parents Workshops](#) ARE BACK!!! : in a school in your community

If you cannot find the right course or if you wish to study french within your community; please contact us, we will try to accomodate and put together a small group close to your home.

contact : Solange Desrochers, continuing education coordinator :
604.708.5100 or 1800.747.4825 ext. 1206

FOR PHONE REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact us at 604-708-5100 ext 1101 in Vancouver area, or 1-800-747-4825 ext 1101 elsewhere.

Thanks ! frenchforparents@educacentre.com

FRENCH PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE and DISTRICT NEWS

The [final report to the Superintendent](#) of the Extended French Advisory Committee arising from the working group meetings last spring, has now been submitted and was also provided to the Board of Education at the Public Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. Details to follow soon about information affecting French Immersion programs for 2011/2012 including All-Day French Immersion which will be implemented across the District starting in September 2011.

[Details of actions arising from this report](#) are on the website at www.nvdsd44.bc.ca

Extended French Immersion Advisory Report - Larson Consultation - letter to parents April 27, 2011

A letter containing additional information has recently gone out to French Immersion families at Larson and Braemar with respect to changes to future options for secondary enrollment at both Argyle and Handsworth in the French Immersion program.

Please contact your local school if you have not received this information directly.

Larson French Immersion Parent Info Meeting: Thursday, January 6th at 7pm at Larson

Further to this session held earlier in Jan'11 and the feedback received from the Larson community, an additional consultation session for the LARSON french immersion parents is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd at Larson Elementary. Feedback from the Larson community with respect to recommendations to stream Larson FI students to Argyle Secondary at Grade 8 effective September 2012 will be considered by the Superintendent.

Braemar French Immersion Parent Info Meeting: Monday, January 10th at 7pm at Braemar

At the conclusion of the "Restructuring 2010" PUBLIC CONSULTATION (2009/2010) in the North Vancouver School District which looked at "[Preliminary research into the potential restructuring of elementary French Immersion including the possibility of a single-stream \(French-only\) elementary school or schools.](#)", the process continued through and extension of the existing French Planning Advisory Committee, on which CPF/NV has three parent representatives, according to this motion passed at the April 20'10 public Board of Education meeting.

*French Immersion: Final Amended Motion:
that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools through the French Advisory Planning Committee, expanded with inclusion of an equal number of parent/teacher representatives from English programs to examine the elementary French Immersion program strategies identified in the Final Report regarding Restructuring 2010 Public Consultation and that the Committee provide a report with recommended actions for consideration to the Superintendent of Schools no later than November 1, 2010.*

Please follow this link to the [Extended French Advisory Committee recommendations](#).

Your CPF Reps on the Extended French Advisory Committee were Lisa Cartwright, Kelsey Hine, and Susan Saliba. Additional parent reps from the English stream community (via NVPAC) are Tracy Bosch (Cleveland) and Sandra Bridgman (Ross Road). We all enjoyed working together with our partner groups to come up with the best current options for North Vancouver students, our District French Immersion program, and our schools.

Your North Vancouver chapter of CPF has recently won some great prizes as a result of the Fall Membership Drive!

Our chapter just won a school performance by B.C.'s *Theatre la Seizieme* and thirty *Amuse-toi bien* game board sets for having the most new and renewing Associate Member Organizations. Watch for our announcement soon for the lucky schools that will benefit from these prizes!

So thank you to all of our members in North Vancouver and a special thanks to ALL of our French Immersion schools and a few others, along with NVSD#44 that signed up to help us win this prize!

NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #44 [REGISTRATION](#) FOR 2011/2012

KINDERGARTEN (incl.All-Day K French) and LATE FRENCH IMMERSION (Grade 6)

See www.nvsg44.bc.ca for [Registration and Info Meeting details](#).

District Parent Information Nights are as follows:

- **KINDERGARTEN (including French) - January 12, 2011**(Registration begins Jan24'11)
- **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION (Grade 6) - January 26, 2011** (Transfer requests begin January 31'11)

CPF/NV Reps will be at these two information meetings to provide information to parents.

CPF/NV receives SIX (6) SOCIO-CULTURAL GRANTS for 2010/2011!

Please see details on our ["Events"](#) page

CPF/NV is very pleased to be able to sponsor six performances at our local French Immersion schools this year with the financial support of the Province of BC and the Government of Canada through the Ministry of Education and Canadian Heritage/Patrimoine canadien. We also offer a big "merci!" to the CPF BC & Yukon Branch through which our local chapter of CPF receives this socio-cultural grant

Branch through which our local chapter of CPF receives the socio-cultural grant funding. CPF/NV provides matching funding through our local operating budget for these projects.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Support our North Vancouver students by joining or renewing with CPF now!

Our local chapter receives 80% of all membership fees for our operating funds. Membership rebate revenue gets redistributed locally to benefit North Van schools and individual students in the form of socio-cultural grants, school resource funding, individual grants to students participating in CPF student conferences and Quebec trips, and high school scholarships, etc. While we work to support all schools delivering French language education in North Vancouver, your family needs to be a member of CPF in order to apply for individual benefits for students and to receive our regular communication.

RECENT MEMBER INQUIRIES:

1. Are there any FRENCH TUTORS, perhaps high school students that are looking for some work with younger students in North Vancouver? If so, please send us your contact information and we'll try to connect you with anyone who asks! email us at cpfnorthvan@gmail.com

*** NEW for 2010/2011 ***

SCHOOL REPORTS

Please let us know about French Language activities that are happening at your school!

See our "[Events](#)" page for information.

Contact the parent rep for your own school - see the "About Us" page.

If you are interested in being a rep or a co-rep, let us know! Having more than one rep at each school is a great idea!

PAST MEETINGS & INFORMATION

CPF/NV MEETING: Parent information meeting on "STAYING IN FRENCH - focusing on the Grade 7 to 8 transition" Please see the attachment below with Q&A for parents & students. Thanks for the great turnout at this meeting. We heard about some great experiences, a few reality checks, and helpful information from two Handsworth Grade 12 students Juliana, Richard, and Conrad and drama teacher Carole Mayrand and other parents. If you still have questions about the transition from Grade 7 to Grade 8 in French Immersion, please contact CPF/NV at any time...we'd love to hear from you as we approach the time where your students will begin making course selections for high school next year (yes, already!) We know that the

options for high school next year (yes, already). We know that the decision about whether to continue in French Immersion past Grade 7 can sometimes be a difficult one for students and parents and we'd like to offer a forum to help you get some more information on this transition. Of course we believe it is best to remain in the program through Grade 12, but this is still a personal decision for each and every family...come share your views, concerns, and optimism with other parents.