

She is presently teaching a 4/5 French Immersion class at Keating Elementary School. Cindy has recently taken on the role and responsibilities of Coordinator of French Immersion Program for our Saanich District. She is enjoying spearheading large scale projects and organising purposeful events to bring our community together to connect, collaborate and celebrate. She is looking forward to pursuing this new role and to take on these new responsibilities for our district.

### Amis-Mots Event

The Amis-Mots event, hosted by the **Saanich Teachers' Association** Priority Fund, on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Zanzibar, was a unique opportunity for members of the Saanich community of French teachers and learners to come together for an evening of good food and fun. Everyone in attendance took part in the making of a collaborative documentary celebrating the Amis-mots word of the month "*la famille*".

Topics discussed centred on this theme and explored questions on this theme, including:

- How are members of our community connected inter-generationally through the teaching and learning of French?
- Who is learning and teaching French as part of our Saanich family?

Special interviews were conducted between graduated students and their former teachers, and it was a time to celebrate and reconnect.

What	Where	Date	Time
CPF Monthly Meeting	Ecole Keating	April 5, 2018	6.30 - 8.00 pm
K-12 Celebration	Ecole Stelly's	April 12, 2018	5.30-7.00 pm
Concours Finals	Vancouver	May 5, 2017	<a href="https://bc-yk.cpf.ca">https://bc-yk.cpf.ca</a>
More Bonne Nuits	Deep Cove/Keating	Under discussion	Stay tuned!
French Film Fest	CPF sponsored	June 2018	Stay tuned!
French Debate	CPF sponsored	November workshops completed	Stay tuned for more news!

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French Soccer	CPF sponsored	to be advised	Stay tuned!
Books/Magazines	All schools	Please drop off with CPF rep.	On-going
Maple Syrup Festival	Elementary	Under discussion	Stay tuned!
French cooking classes	All schools	Under discussion	Stay tuned!
Karate workshops	Bayside Grade 8	Feb 2018	Hope to repeat!
French theatre	Elementary	Under discussion	Stay tuned!
Verbathon	Elementary/Middle	Game kits ordered	Dates to be advised!

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Whether your child is enrolled in the English Language Program (with daily French instruction) or French Immersion, Canadian Parents for French - Saanich Chapter is here to support and enrich your child's educational experience.

Saanich School District 63 (SD63) recognizes the benefits students can acquire from learning French as a second language (FSL). It is the only district within British Columbia where French language instruction begins in Kindergarten regardless of whether parents choose English or French Immersion. The SD63 does not have a late entry French Immersion Program, as in some other districts, and students enter the French Immersion Program in either Kindergarten or Grade 1.



**Good luck** to all the students at Bayside Middle School competing in the annual **Concours d'art Oratoire**. New prizes and medals await!

## **VOLUNTEER!**

**We are all busy - all our volunteers work and run busy lives, like you!**

Therefore CPF annually recognizes and thanks the wonderful people who offer thousands of hours of their free time to support the work of CPF. A special **Volunteer Appreciation** evening took place in mid February. Our Chair challenged and commissioned the Ecole Stelly's Training catering students to produce a French dessert as a gift to for our awesome volunteers. The soon-to-be chefs, came up trumps with a most delicious Taste aux pomme, in a heart shape. They were oh, soooo delicious - **Merci CPF and Stelly's students!**



*Photo: Left to right: Nicole, Rachelle, Christine, Sandra, Isabelle, Cedar, Cait. Missing: Andrea, Marc, Caryl.*

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

**We are always seeking support at the many events we roll out during the year. It could be helping us find a great supplier, offering to shop for food items for a given event, making a few phone calls, attending a meeting, helping to prepare fundraising material, researching local events, offer your support for a few hours or sharing feedback on what you believe could be helpful - whatever time you can spare, whatever ideas you may have, we'd love to meet you.**

**You do not need to speak French to support CPF - we really look forward to hearing from you.**

*“By giving back as a volunteer you will find a gratification that goes beyond material gains but has an impact in the betterment of your community and its’ students”.*

***BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEERS!*** *“Did you know volunteering is associated with reductions in symptoms of depression, better overall health, fewer functional limitations and greater longevity!”*

Source: Rotman Research Institute

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Join us at our next  
meeting!**

**April 5, 2018 6.30 - 8.00 pm**

**Ecole Keating**

**Canadian Parents for French - Saanich Chapter**

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