



Fall 2009

CPF Vancouver East Newsletter

Chapter News from President, Stefanie Gajdecki

Great News for Schools:

Planning a French performance at your school? Maybe a cultural week or French Movie night?

Socio Cultural Grant applications are being accepted until October 1st. More information can be found at:

<http://cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/chapters/socio-cultural-grants>

Tell your Principal and PAC about the grants and bring some extra funds to your child's school program!

Grants for schools we received last year included:

Lord Selkirk Bilingual Performance—Anne Glover \$315

Hasting Elementary French Cultural Week \$1245

Thank You to all the PAC's who voted for me to join the DPAC Executive. We now have a voice for French Immersion parents!

Chapter Executive:

President -Stefanie Gajdecki

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Vice President—TBD

Treasurer—TBD

Secretary—Martha Casey-Knight

School Representatives:

Selkirk: Lynne Mieland

Hastings: Toni Pritchard

Laura Secord: Megan Zandstra

Strathcona: Erica McCuaig

Van Tech—Open

Check us out online:

<http://cpf.bc.ca/vaneast/>

Happy September! After a wonderful sunny summer we look forward to the new school year! There is so much to look forward to during our second year including money for schools, Socio Cultural grants and plans for more parent information nights.

Money for Schools!

The CPF Vancouver East Chapter is giving \$200 to each of our five member schools. CPF members along with their PAC's can decide what way the funds can be used best for their French language students. Use the funds to bring a French performer to the school or give a scholarship, buy books for the library or have a Crepe day! You decide!

Membership Drive

Until October 31, 2009 there is a membership drive in effect and our Chapter will receive 90% of new membership fees towards our Chapter. Take advantage of this great deal tell friends and school mates who aren't members yet!

Staying Alive

Many of you missed our AGM last June (it was a very busy June for most parents we know) and since our turnout was so low we were not able to fully elect a chapter Vice President or Treasurer for this coming year. To keep the Vancouver East Chapter alive we need to make sure we have parents who will be in-

involved in these positions so we don't lose the funds we get for grants as well as the opportunity to use membership funds to strengthen our French Immersion school programs. I am doing my best to keep commitment time to a minimum but we need parents who can step forward to do so or we fail to stay alive.

Elections

I will be setting up a meeting this fall on a weekend where a new VP and Treasurer will need to be elected please stay tuned for more information. If you have a location we can use for free please contact me.

Chapter Roles— Ways to be Involved

What does a Chapter Vice President do?

You communicate via email mostly with me and other Chapter Executives.

We hold Executive meetings from time to time on a weekend to discuss any issues or upcoming plans.

You can be more or less involved depending on your schedule.

What does a Chapter Treasurer do?

You communicate via email similar to the VP role. You become a signer at the bank, write a few cheques and reconcile the bank account.

Time commitment: approx. 10 hours a year

What does a School Representative do?

School Reps are a link between your school and the Chapter. Requests from schools for items like funds or help with grants should come via your School Rep. School Reps attend PAC meetings and inform parents on what is happening at the CPF.