



Winter 2009

CPF Vancouver East Newsletter

Chapter News from Vancouver East President, Stefanie Gajdecki

Next Event : French Movie Night!

• **Where:** Laura Secord Elementary

Located at Lakewood and Broadway in the large Gym, the entrance is on the south side of the school on 10th Avenue.

• **Date:** March 12, 2009

• **Time:** 6:30pm-8pm

• **Cost:** \$5 per family or FREE for CPF Members

• A collection of Short Animated French Films presented by the National Film Board for the Rendez-vous de la Francophonie

• Snacks: Popcorn & drinks, \$2 each

• All ages event –bring a mat/pillow to sit on.

Check us out online:
<http://cpf.bc.ca/vaneast/>

We have a new website courtesy of the CPF BC Yukon Branch—it is easy to update and free to the chapter! We also have a Facebook page!

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Now that 2009 is in full swing we can begin to look forward to Spring and even Summer activities with the kids.

Our next Chapter event will be a French Movie Night held at Laura Secord March 12th The films are a collection of short films celebrating multicultural themes, we hope you can attend!

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VSB Modern Languages Advisory Committee (MLAC) volunteer

Interested in participating in French Immersion program meetings at the School Board ? Be involved in the process that affects our children's education. A CPF representative position is available and if you can attend one meeting a month contact me.

Socio Cultural Grants

Our Chapter was awarded two grants this year from the CPF BC/ Yukon Branch, one for the Cirque Du Français and another for a spring performance.

Lord Selkirk requested a performance grant and we are happy to be able to fund part of their performance. Any other school who has booked a French performance this spring could also benefit from the grant. Email me for more info.

French For Parents

classes start in February www.educacentre.com

Art Classes

Alliance Française is offering kid art classes in French – check out their website for info at alliancefrancaise.ca

Summer Camps

Information on Summer Camps is on our website under our “LINKS” section on the website: www.cpf.bc.ca/vaneast/

For those who take part in the BC Family French Camp the registration process has begun and this year they are looking for a Coordinator and Program Planner - interested? you can get more information on their website: <http://www.bcffc.com/>

In the Spring

We would like to plan a Parent Survival Night this spring providing tips on how to help your child with reading and with dictee. If your school would like to host this event please contact me.

Mark the date on your Calendar! - Our Annual General Meeting will be Thursday May 28th from 6:30pm-7:30pm location is TBD

Cirque Du Français Success!

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Cirque Du Français! Over 150 people attended and many parents were able to hear their children speak French for the first time. Richard Zerbe, Principal at Lord Selkirk, was a gracious host and a fun MC!

Special thanks to Sophia Books and Usbourne Books who each made a donation to the Chapter. We were able to use the proceeds of the book fair to make donations to all of the libraries of our Chapter's primary schools.

Hot Tip for Schools:

Once Upon a Huckelbery Bush Book Store (4387 Main Street) offers a book donation program for schools Contact them: 604-876-4010 ask about the Load Up Your Library Program.