



CPF - Vancouver North Fall 2010 Newsletter

Welcome Back to School!

New French Preschool

There is a new French preschool suitable for FSL students in our area: Chez Tantine, at West Point Grey Community Centre

New Membership Benefit

CPF members can enjoy a special corporate rate the next time they stay at a Coast Hotels and Resorts property in BC and Alberta. The Internet booking code is CPF 857, and the rate sheet will be posted online on the branch website later this month.

Singers Wanted

Coquitlam's Francophone choir is holding an open house Sep. 13 at 7PM, Place Maillardville. Parents and high-school age students are welcome. For more info, call 604-266-4699 or 604-764-2808 or visit www.lesechosdupacifique.com

Comments? Questions?

Visit our website:
cpf.bc.ca/vannorth/ or e-mail
cpfvannorth@gmail.com

New Information Available for Parents

We have developed a new information sheet: "**How Can I Help My Child if I Don't Speak French?**" and have posted several useful VSB booklets; check out our links page: www.cpf.bc.ca/vannorth/index.php/links

School Closure Pre-notification Affects FI

In late June, eleven Vancouver elementary schools received pre-notification that they were being considered for closure. The two Westside schools named, Hudson Elementary and Kerrisdale Annex, are both associated with FI programs. Hudson is a dual-track school, and Kerrisdale Annex is associated with Kerrisdale Elementary, a dual-track school. Over the summer, CPF BC/Yukon branch staff provided invaluable advice and assistance to Hudson parents. **This situation highlights the fact that as a program of choice, French Immersion needs our continuing support!** Your membership gives us a more powerful voice and helps keep FI programs strong. Merci!

Distance Education opportunity for FI Students

Terrace's North Coast Distant Education School (NCDES) is one of seven regional DE schools in BC. They are fully accredited schools and teach courses approved by the Ministry of Education leading to graduation with both Dogwood diplomas. NCDES has been offering courses taught in French online for several years and these **courses are open without additional cost to students in grades 10 to 12 from other school districts.** <http://www.ncdes.ca/>

Bilingualism Rocks is Back!

These very popular performances are now available for Vancouver schools: cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/events

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