

2010 Annual General Meeting – Monday, May 31

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Enjoy the book fair and complimentary coffee, tea and healthy snacks. Meet other parents who are also interested in French second lan-

guage learning. Enter the draw for door prizes.

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Learn more about Canadian Parents for French and local activities, hear about the state of French instruction in B.C. and in SD61, and elect a new CPF Victoria Board of Directors.

- CPF B.C. and Yukon, our provincial headquarters, will be there to talk about the role of CPF in supporting French immersion and French language programs in

our schools and communities.

- Report on CPF Victoria Chapter activities in 2009/10 and plans for 2010/11.
- Year end financial report.
- Election of CPF Victoria Board of Directors - Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Coordinator and School Rep Coordinator.

Concours Victoria 2010

Congratulations to the 50 participants of the Victoria 2010 Concours d'art Oratoire held March 8.



We would like to thank our judges and our student assistants for helping to make the competition a suc-

cess. We also want to thank Victoria High School and Caitlin Shepherd for hosting our Concours again this year.

You can see photos of the winners on [the CPF Victoria website](#).



Concours BC May 8, 2010

All the best to our Victoria winners going on to the provincial competition in Vancouver on May 8

Claire Sieffert
Grade 10 Immersion

Ernette Hutchings-Mason
Grade 11 Immersion

Pamela Denchev
Grade 7 Early Immersion

Anjali Parikh
Grade 7 Francophone

Yulia Pluzhnikova
Grade 7 Late Immersion

Rebecca Hansen
Grade 6 Early Immersion

Lily Yang
Grade 6 Late Immersion



CPF Victoria Needs Your Support

CPF is your voice in support of quality French language instruction for our children. In addition to representing the views and concerns of Victoria parents on the School District 61 French Advisory Committee, CPF Victoria presents and sponsors events and activities throughout the year such as the Cinefete film festival, the Concours d'Art Oratoire French public-speaking competition and French camps.

CPF is a parent-led, non-profit organization that has worked for more than 30 years to provide French-language education, social, cultural and sporting activities for children, youth and parents.

Your support, and your membership, helps to keep CPF a strong voice for quality French language in Victoria, throughout B.C. and across Canada through our national Canadian Parents for French association.

CPF Victoria has one of the largest memberships in B.C., yet our chapter is facing challenges to its ongoing sustainability.

A dedicated group of parents have been active for many years on the Board of Directors and soon their children will be leaving school. To ensure we can continue to support and advocate for quality French programs and activities in Victoria, interested members are encouraged to take stewardship of our organization at the local level.

Nominations will be accepted for Board of Director positions to be filled at the May 31 Victoria Chapter AGM. School reps are also needed to help ensure that information about CPF Victoria activities and resources reach teachers, students and parents. Volunteers are also needed on occasion to help out with events and activities, such as greeting stu-

dents and teachers at Cinefete, organizing book fairs, identifying French camps, participating on the French Advisory Committee, helping out with the newsletter, attending CPF Victoria meetings to share ideas or listen to the discussion - you can help out as much or as little as you want.

Through local chapters like Victoria, CPF provides support, information and resources for parents with children studying French, whether through an immersion, intensive or basic French program. CPF works with school boards, teachers, parent advisory councils and the federal and provincial governments to advocate for and monitor policies and programs that affect the access to and quality of our children's French language education.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like more information, please

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Join Canadian Parents for French

Be a Member

Membership in Canadian Parents for French is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who supports our goals. You don't need to be a parent; we include many teachers, schools, trustees, grandparents, French Immersion graduates, researchers, and others!

Membership Fees

An individual or family pays only \$25 for one year or \$60 for a three-year membership.

An organization pays just \$60 for one year or \$150 for three years.

Did You Know?

The CPF BC & Yukon Branch returns Eighty per cent (80%) of your membership fees directly to your local CPF BC & Yukon chapter to help pay for socio-cultural activities, camps, resources, and programs for your children.

HOW TO JOIN

Memberships are handled by our CPF National office in Ottawa. You may register online, or by mail, phone, or fax.

1. [Click here to Join online now](#): (Note: You will be redirected to CPF National)

2. To print the forms: [Associate Member or Individual/Family](#)

Mail printed forms to:
Canadian Parents for French
176 Gloucester Street, Suite 310
Ottawa, ON K2P 0A6

Victoria French Immersion Summer Experience (VFISE)

Led by Victoria French Immersion teachers, Hilary Braid-Skolski and Jouelle Brick, the VFISE is for campers aged 6 to 9 and 10 to 13 enrolled in French immersion, late French immersion or Francophone programs.

weeks in July and two weeks in August. You can find more information on the program, session dates and registration on the VFISE website (<http://sites.google.com/site/vfise2010/home>).

VFISE is offered for two



British Columbia Family French Camp

At BC Family French Camp, children from French Immersion or Programme Cadre bring their families to camp. Families camp in their own tents or trailers. Together, they form a friendly neighbourhood, surrounded by the sounds of children

playing and singing in French.

Parents don't have to be able to speak French!

Evening activities for the whole family include night games, volleyball or kickball, communal dessert, commu-

nal dinner, and sing-along campfires.

There are camps in several locations in B.C. including near Nanaimo. For more information, see the [British Columbia Family French Camp website](#).

French Language Day Camps

Bienvenue au programme Summer Fun En Français! UVic's Continuing Studies is offering three French language educational and recreational sessions for children eager to interact, learn

and play in French.

These on-campus sessions, conducted in French, are aimed at children who have completed at least Grade One and at most Grade Four in French Immersion or in a

Francophone school.

[You can find out more on the Continuing Studies website.](#)



NRC Centre of the Universe - Registration of Astronomy camps has begun

This year's astronomy camps will run during the first two weeks of July with the younger kids' camp running first and the older kids' camp second.

Dates are as follows:

- July 5th – 9th: Little Galileos, Gr. 1 & 2 (must have completed at least

grade 1)

- July 12th – 16th: Junior Astronomers, Gr. 3 to 6
Camps cost \$175+tax.

Spaces are limited so call soon at (250) 363-8262 to avoid disappointment.

[Course information is on the NCR website.](#)

Your membership at work

CPF is offering a \$25 rebate for members' children attending NRC camps in French.

To find out more email victoria@cpf.bc.ca.

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