

French Immersion parents are invited  
to our next meeting!

Tuesday, March 8, 2011— 7 to 9 pm.



## Concours 2011 is Coming in April

CPF's Concours d'Art Oratoire is a French public speaking competition that helps elementary and secondary students develop writing, reading, and public speaking skills. Preparations for this year's Concours are now underway!

Our Victoria Concours will be taking place on **April 6** at Victoria High School. Information gone out to French Immersion teachers.

Winners in each category can go on to the provincial Concours that will be taking place in Vancouver on May 7.

Detailed information about deadlines, rules, and prizes for the provincial competition can be found [on the CPF BC/Yukon website](#).

CPF relies on the volunteer efforts of parents, students, and French-speaking judges to help make Concours happen. If you can contribute some time to this fantastic learning opportunity, please email us at [CPV Victoria](#).



## CPF Victoria Needs You

Like all organizations, CPF Victoria is going through change. As the children of our member parents complete their French Immersion programs, the parents move on as well.

To continue providing support for events like Cinefete and Concours, and to continue supporting French Immersion in our schools and school districts, CPF needs the support of our FI parents.

Many of our core executive members will be leaving next year and we are looking for parents interested in supporting French Immersion to take an active role in our organization.

For the 2011/12 school year we need parents that can help as treasurer, with communications and newsletters, as well as school representatives for a number of schools.

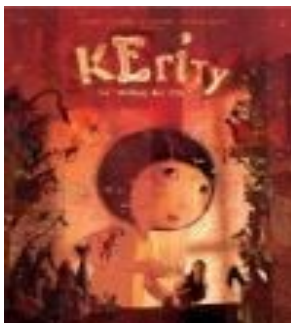
If you are interested in supporting French Immersion in our schools, come out to our March 8 meeting and find out more about how you can be part of CPF Victoria. You can also contact us at [victoria@cpf.bc.ca](mailto:victoria@cpf.bc.ca).

## Ciné-Fête 2010

Despite having to delay our showings for a week due to the November snows, Cinefete 2010 was a great success. Over 1,300 students from 11 elementary and middle students came out to see one of our two Cinefete presentations.

Our 2010 Ciné-Fête showings were two Canadian films: *Kérité, la Maison des Contes*, for grades 1-5, and *Un été sans point ni coup sûr*, for grades 6-8.

New this year was hosting the showings in two locations to reduce the travel time for students.



Our thanks to l'école secondaire Esquimalt and l'école secondaire Oak Bay for providing their theatres. This allowed us to present the films at no cost to schools or students.

CPF Victoria also wants to thank Oak Bay teacher, Steven Price, for booking both theatres and arranging the technical presentation at Oak Bay and Esquimalt librarian, Jeff Orme, and student, David Brown, for the technical presentation at Esquimalt.

And thanks to the Interact club at Esquimalt for arranging the crepe sale with the advice of Kyle Preston.

## Resources for Parents

If you are looking for ways to help your French Immersion student here are several you might consider.

### Special Offer from BonPatron Pro

BonPatronPro is an online tool that helps correct French grammar and spelling while teaching students how to improve their written French. BonPatronPro is now available to CPF member families for just \$9.99 per year — a 33% discount!

BonPatron was developed in Canada for second-language learners. To learn more, go to [www.bonpatron.com](http://www.bonpatron.com) and click "more information" and then click "show an example." To take advantage of this special offer, go to: <http://pro.bonpatron.com/promo/?pcode=cpf10>.

You will need to give your CPF membership number to register for this promotion. If you don't have your member number, [please email our CPF Victoria membership coordinator](#). Note: the BonPatron Pro offer expires in June 2011.

### Educacentre Revives "French for Parents" Workshops

Educacentre College's popular "French for Parents" workshops are back! These classes are geared towards parents of children enrolled in French Immersion or Francophone Programs.

Courses are available online or on campus and will begin at the end of this month (January 2011). For more information, please visit

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



### 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

## 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.

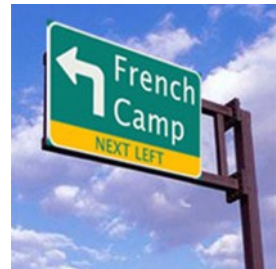
An organization pays just \$60 for one year or \$150 for three years.

### 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.

## Summer Camps

There may be snow on the ground, but the time to plan for summer camps is getting close. Here are two camps with programs ranging from kindergarten to grade seven.



### Victoria French Immersion Summer Experience (VFISE)

VFISE is back for July, 2011! They had an absolute blast last year with students coming from the three Great Victoria school districts and the Francophone School. The teachers at the Victoria French Immersion Summer Experience are really excited for another summer in 2011!

VFISE is a French Immersion, teacher-run, summer day camp.

The camp is designed for students in both early and late Immersion, as well as from Francophone schools or families.

Students may range in age from 5-12 (having completed kindergarten by July, 2011).

They are now open for registration and space is limited. There is a 10% discount for all CPF members.

Detailed information about the program, the teachers, contact numbers, and registration forms can be found [on the VFISE website](#).

### Our French Camps

Stewart College French Camps for kids are focused on providing opportunities for language development through fun.



Campers will enjoy:

- Language activities for fluency and vocabulary development
- Outings & Field Trips
- Games & Sports
- Art & Crafts
- French Pop Culture through plays, videos & music

Some fun outdoor activities may be done more than once, but language activities vary from week to week so there's no repetition for campers joining multiple weeks.

There are camps during the March spring break and through July and August. For more information, [please see their brochure](#).

### BC Family French Camp - Nanaimo

Week 1: August 13 — August 20

Week 2: August 20 — August 27

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

Parents enjoy a rewarding blend of lounging time and sharing in a variety of small volunteer duties while their children use their French in a wonderful outdoor setting with their energetic and funny French-speaking moniteurs.

And parents don't have to be able to speak French!

Evening activities for the whole family include night games, volleyball or kickball, communal dessert, communal dinner, and sing-along campfires.

Many happy memories are always made at BC Family French Camp. See [www.bcffc.com](http://www.bcffc.com) for more information.