



November 2009
BC & Yukon

French Performers, French Resources, & A Successful BC & Yukon Conference!

**BC & Yukon
Conference a
Smashing Success!**

Hello all Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Chapter Representatives,

It was a great pleasure meeting with many of you here in Vancouver for our CPF BC & Yukon AGM & Conference November 6th through 9th. For those unable to attend all of the workshop presentations and information sheets are now posted on our website.

<http://cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/events/agm/post-agm>

**Membership Drive
Summary**

Thank you all once again for your incredible community-based efforts in supporting and promoting French second language opportunities!

**Socio-Cultural Review
Underway!**

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**Concours Preparation,
Encourage Your
School To Participate!**

CPF BC & Yukon Conference a Smashing Success!

**ArtStarts: Bring French
Performers to Your
Local Schools!**

As mentioned, during the weekend of November 6th through 9th over 40 CPF BC & Yukon delegates from across BC & the Yukon joined us here in Vancouver for our AGM & Conference. The feedback we have received so far has been overwhelmingly positive. A lot of important ground was covered, connections were made, and everyone seemed to more than enjoy themselves during the reception and banquet.

**National French
Advertising Contest for
Youth**

For workshop and presentation summaries, please visit our [website](#). There was an incredible amount of new information covered so please feel free to take a read over these documents and contact me directly if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Also, we would like to thank of the delegates who were able to bring along a void chapter cheque. If you were unable to do so, please feel free to send a void cheque from your chapter to our BC & Yukon office.

**Official Languages:
FSL Resources for
Students, Teachers &
Parents**

Lastly, please note that next year's BC & Yukon Conference & AGM will be held in Ottawa. As always, all active chapters will be invited to send one (or two) sponsored delegates. We look forward to meeting with many of you in our nation's capital next fall ☺

**French for the Future:
National Essay Contest**

2009 - 2010 Membership Drive Ends With a Strong Final Push

Job Opportunities...

Please note that this year's CPF BC & Yukon Membership Drive is now closed. Thank you all for your incredible efforts in reaching out to parents, educators, and your respective school districts. We will be drawing names for the **WestJet** flight for two, as well as the other excellent prizes on Tuesday, December 1st. Winners will be contacted directly and the list of recipients will be posted on the CPF BC & Yukon website. From now until August 31st 2010 your chapter will receive **80% of all CPF membership dues collected from new and or renewing members** – all the more reason to encourage membership throughout the year!

Socio-Cultural Grants & Deposits

With respect to the **socio-cultural grant applications** please note that Dimitry and Robert will be assessing all of your applications over the next 12 days. We had been waiting on the BC Ministry of Education for their commitment to this year's socio-cultural funding. We expect to let you know which socio-cultural grant applications were approved, and for what amount, by early December.

Concours Preparation – Help Your School Participate!

Registration for the provincial Concours will open February 1st, 2010 and close April 16, 2010. Please work with your school districts to meet these deadlines. For questions about Concours and about up to date announcements, please refer to our website:

<http://cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/events/concours-dart-oratoire>

Please feel free to distribute this information widely to your contacts.

ArtStarts: Bringing French to life in your community!

ArtStarts is a non-for-profit organization offering educators, artists, parents and students a broad range of programs, services and resources to promote arts and creativity among BC's young people. They also have access to an extensive list of French second language performers. If you are interested in organizing a French event in your community (carnival, magicians, story-tellers, musicians) they are an excellent place to start your search:

<http://artstarts.com/aboutus/staff.html>

***“Français pour mon succès”* national contest!**

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) National and Encounters with Canada (EWC) are getting ready to launch the first-ever edition of *Français pour mon succès*, a brand new national contest for middle-school students learning French as a second language. This contest combines creativity with language and technical skills in a way that could be a fun and valuable project for the whole class!

CPF National would like FSL students across Canada to think about why it's important for them to learn French, and to then develop their own advertising campaign encouraging their peers to stay in French. Students are asked to submit a two-part campaign: a one-page magazine advertisement and a complementary ad that work together to convey a homogenous message.

The language of the student's campaigns must be at least 50% French (see "Contest Details" for further clarification), so this is a great chance to help your students practice their French while promoting the message that French is a valuable skill. This contest will be open between January 4 and February 28, 2010, to FSL students in Canada who are between the ages of 12 and 14. They must be currently enrolled in any FSL program at school to qualify.

Please find attached contest details. You can also contact [Nicole Chatelain](#), 613-235-1481 x26, for submission guidelines.

Wealth of French Language Resources Online!

The Canadian Government recently revealed a multi-platform website to assist bilingual students, teachers, and parents with a wealth of French second language resources. There are tools to help improve French grammar, reading and writing skills. There are links to bursaries and grants. The website is an initiative under the Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality 2008-2013.

<http://www.noslangues-ourlangues.gc.ca/index-eng.php>

French for the Future – National Essay Contest

Over \$200,000 in scholarships to be won!

French for the Future, in partnership with the University of Ottawa, the University of Alberta's Campus Saint-Jean and Université Sainte-Anne, is pleased to announce its 5th National Essay Contest. Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 are invited to write an essay, in French, answering this question: *In your opinion, is competition useful?*

For more information: <http://www.french-future.org/en/>

Tourism Awareness Program (TCAP) en Français

With the objective of providing job and career opportunities to French speaking youth in BC, the Tourism Awareness Program is reaching out to high school students who may be interested in using their French language skills post graduation in the tourism industry. To arrange a presentation, or for further information, please contact Nicole Smith-MacGregor at nsmith@sdecb.com or visit: <http://www.go2hr.ca/>
