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# Canadian Parents for French

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Elementary,  
Irvine  
Elementary,  
Mary Hill  
Elementary,  
Banting Middle,  
Kwayhquitlam,  
Millard Middle,  
Pitt River Middle  
and Pionniers.**

*Tri-Cities Chapter*

## Welcome to Tri-Cities

Welcome to Canadian Parents for French, Tri-Cities Chapter. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2011-2012 executive.

President – Heidi LeFaive

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## Leaving Ceremonies at Riverside

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Pitt River Middle School students from the Late French Immersion Gr. 6 & 7 classes joined in the celebrations to recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and successes of the Grade 12 FI Riverside students. Mme M. Tang did a wonderful job emceeing the event. The Pitt River students presented a couple of songs and quotes that reminded the graduates on how they started out in this program and stressed the importance of learning a language through both songs and music. It brought back many memories for the students and their parents. A few of the Riverside students performed a mini-opéra that was enjoyed by all. A big thank you goes out to Mr. A. Ciofitto (Riverside Principal) and his staff, Mrs. S. Russell (SD43 Superintendent) and Mr. R. Rotheron (CPF BC & Yukon, Executive Director) for being part of this event. Mrs. Grant, Veronica Dabrowski and Callum Beales spoke from their hearts while providing some wonderful encouragement and insights to the younger students.

Thank you also to the CPF staff (Helen Crites, Robyn Doig, Michele Malmberg and Charmaine Nickason) who assisted with the refreshments.

To the Graduating Class of 2011: Nos félicitations et bonne change à l'avenir!





## Leaving Ceremonies at Dr. Charles Best

The Canadian Parents for French Grade 12 leaving ceremony held at Dr. Charles Best on Friday, May 27th was a tremendous success. Our guest speakers were Mr. Robert Rothern, Executive Director of CPF, BC & Yukon, Mrs. Sylvia Russell, Superintendent School District 43 as well as both top Francais 12 award recipients. We were given the use of the large gymnasium and with the bigger space many French Immersion Grade 10 and 11 students attended during their spare block.

There were 71 guest students from Banting Middle School. The exchange of gifts and words of encouragement for the Grade 8 students who will be attending Dr. Charles Best in September made them feel part of the ceremony.

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## Grade 12 Scholarship

At the Grade 12 Leaving Ceremony at Riverside Secondary on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, CPF Tri-Cities had the pleasure to present this year's CPF Scholarship to an outstanding student. CPF Tri-Cities was extremely impressed with all the applicants which made it a very difficult decision to just pick one.

As well as being an excellent scholar, Santana Grant, this year's recipient, participated in various school and community events and programs. She has a passion for the language and spent many hours tutoring French to students of various ages. She has been accepted into the French Co-hort program at SFU and hopes to teach one day. Congratulations and good luck, Santana.



## Verbathon

What is verbathon? Verbathon is a practical and effective teaching tool where learning grammar through games is fun, active, and team-based. Through a series of sports-style events students learn to conjugate verbs, construct sentences where subjects and adjectives agree and apply it to oral and written work. Verbathon is so effective because experience shows that students learn and retain more through active play. Verbathon games are effective because they are based on the INFINITE principle (Inclusive, Fun, Interactive, Integrative, Team-based, Empowering).

The CPF Tri-Cities 2011 District Verbathon Finals took place on May 31 at Winslow Centre. Four schools participated in the tournament: Glen, Our Lady of Fatima, Irvine and Panorama Heights. It was a great turnout and a huge success. Thank you to all the participants in the tournament and their cheering squads.



Grade 2 winners: Our Lady of Fatima – 00.53.18 min



Grade 3 winners: Glen – 01.02.40 min



Grade 4 winners – Our Lady of Fatima – 01.30.00 min



Grade 5 winners – Irvine – 01.18.94 min

## Concours d'art Oratoire

**WHEN:**  
May 7, 2011

**WHERE:**  
SFU Surrey  
Campus

Concours remains a signature event for French language education in Canada on many levels. It affords thousands of students an opportunity to develop their public speaking skills, even if they stop after the first round of competition; it engages entire school communities across the country; and it provides a snapshot of the state of the French language in our schools.

This year, 300 children and youth registered for Concours, a new record. They include 71 Francophone, 187 French immersion, 38 Core French and 4 Intensive French.

The aims of this public speaking contest are to stimulate the interest of students learning French, to improve their oral skills and to give them experience speaking in public. It is open to all children from grades 6 through 12 in the French immersion and Francophone programs; to all students in Core French from grades 8 through 12; and to all students in Intensive French in grades 6 and 7.

2011 Provincial Winners can be found on the CPF BC & Yukon website: [www.cpf.bc.ca](http://www.cpf.bc.ca)

## Maillardville French Summer Camp

**WHEN:**  
July 4 – Aug 26  
8 am – 3 pm  
Monday to Friday

**WHERE:**  
Banting Middle  
School,  
820 Banting  
Street, Coquitlam

**WHO:**  
French speaking  
children aged 6 -  
12

For over 13 years, the Maillardville French summer day camp offers great fun in French all summer long to children aged 6-12. Children are accompanied by great, enthusiastic and responsible camp leaders, and are taking part in many different recreational, artistic, and sports activities, in a francophone environment.

Week 1 July 4-8 MAD SCIENCE  
Week 2 July 11-15 PIRATES  
Week 3 July 18-22 NATURE ALL AROUND US  
Week 4 July 25-29 EXPLORING OUTER-SPACE  
Week 5 Aug 1-5 EXPLORING THE ARTS  
Week 6 Aug 8-12 BEAUTIFUL BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Week 7 Aug 15-19 UNDER THE SEA  
Week 8 Aug 22-26 SPORTS ACTION

**SPONSORS:**

  
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## Resources

FSL Activities with M. Renaud was created by a French Immersion teacher in Victoria for students. It has links, activities, French game print-outs and much more.

Francotunes is a website where you can listen and buy Canadian Francophone music.

French Tongue Twisters can provide hours of fun with its list of over 175 sentences that are difficult to utter for even the most experienced linguist.

Ludo Chess is a place to play chess and other chess like games online, in both French and English.

Momes.net is a kid-centric website in French that has all sorts of fun links, from interesting articles on a variety of subjects, French culture and pop-culture for kids entertainment information, games and even access to French crossword puzzles. This site is only available French.

Polar FLE is a unique way to learn and practice French with a Murder Mystery story. Read about the murder, find out about the suspects and solve the crime. The site offers four different levels of difficulty.

Tutoring

<http://cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/parents/tutoring#at>