

CPF January Newsletter



Wishing you and your family all the best for 2014!

"O Canada!" Musical

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) and Canadian Youth for French (CYF) – two national organizations dedicated to the promotion of French language opportunities – are excited to announce the launch of a bilingual youth-led musical and story-telling tour later this week called: O Canada!

"We have high hopes O Canada! is going to be a memorable bilingual experience that will directly engage youth in some key nation-building moments. In doing so, we hope to help instill a sense of civic responsibility and hope for youth to be part of the next chapter in the Canadian enterprise," said Justin Morrow, Founder Canadian Youth for French.

"This bilingual project is particularly exciting because we are using a form of youth-based crowdsourcing to generate content for the commissioned piece and the workshops accompanying it," said Robert Rothon, Executive Director Canadian Parents for French.

O Canada will be coming to Riverside Secondary on Friday, January 17th, 2014 (morning).

Highlights:

- O Canada Musical
- CPF seeking a Youth Coordinator
- CPF Gr. 12
 Scholarship
- CPF Gr. 12 Leaving
 Ceremony
- YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange

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Looking for a Youth Coordinator

Canadian Parents for French is looking for a youth coordinator who would act as a liaison to the high schools. At our **Mon, January 20th, 2014** meeting, we have a guest speaker from the Surrey Chapter who would explain what she does in her role as youth coordinator. If you are interested, please email us at tricitiescpf@gmail.com and join us at Glen Elementary School at 7:00pm.

CPF Gr. 12 Scholarship

Information for the CPF Gr. 12 Scholarship will be sent to you in the next couple of weeks. Please remember that you need to be a CPF member in order to apply for it. Deadline for submission is the end of April 2014.

CPF Gr. 12 Leaving Ceremony

We are currently in the planning stages for this event held in early June. Stay tuned for more details!

In the meantime we are looking for pictures from the students' during their time in the French Immersion program (from early/late immersion to Gr. 12). Please submit any pictures either by posting them on the Facebook page (CPF Gr. 12 Leaving Ceremony) set up by one of the Gr. 12 students or by e-mailing them to alphorn@telus.net as we are planning on presenting a slide show during the ceremony.

YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program (SWSE)

Are you thinking about spending this summer in Quebec and enjoying a unique experience? If you are 16 or 17 years old, look no further.

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange offers an opportunity to improve your French language skills and gain important employment experience through a work placement while on the exchange. You will be staying with a host family while your family at home is hosting a Quebec student. The exchange is for 6 weeks and starts at the end of June. On weekends you will have scheduled activities which will let you discover new places. Have fun and make new friends! It's well worth it!

Website: http://my.ymcagta.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=536

Register now!

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Festival du Bois

Known as the largest francophone festival on the West Coast of Canada, with about 15,000 attendees every year, the Festival du Bois is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on 2014 and will start **on Friday**, **February 28th, 2014**. This 3-day Festival honours tradition and culture while featuring great music, amazing artists, outstanding performers, entertaining activities and authentic food.

The 2014 festival highlights the French-Canadian pioneering heritage and the logging-based history of Maillardville ("bois" means "wood"), as well as the culture and strength of the community today – a vibrant and cosmopolitan centre with connections across Canada and beyond. The festival's programming reflects an inclusive and joyful vision that celebrates and seamlessly incorporates both tradition and innovation to present an eclectic gathering of the finest Québécois, francophone, folk, world and roots artists performing today. The festival is a fun, lively and entertaining place to go for folks from every culture, language, background and age.

Festival du Bois is an affordable family-event which features worldclass concerts, lining-up amazing artists and groups whose feet are solidly planted in tradition, along with others who find new ways to connect their roots to the world modern influences, taking ancient sounds to new and lively places.

This year promises to be spectacular as we commemorate the festival first quarter century and we hope everyone can join the celebration!

