



# CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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## In the news

Please note that we have had to remove all the pictures as the file was too large for our web site.

### Stay in immersion!

Some parents will be sending their children off to French immersion this year for the first time. CPF PEI tells parents that the benefits far outweigh the drawbacks. Many parents worry about homework help, that there is a learning curve but perseverance pays off. Some parents have had their children in Immersion for a year or more now.

Once your child is in the immersion program you will find like all aspects of education that it is a journey, there are ups but there are downs. So parents questions their resolve and wonder "Should I transfer my child out of the program?"

The simple answer is NO. Except in unusual circumstances, transferring a child out of immersion is generally not advisable. Performing below grade level or grade average, for example, is not a valid reason for

transferring your child. In all likelihood, the child would not be performing much better if he or she were in an English-stream program. Transferring a child out of French immersion should be a decision that is made by parents, in consultation with the immersion teacher and the school staff. Especially at the elementary level, guidance may be provided by a school-based team generally made up of the French immersion teacher, the English teacher, the counselor and the learning assistance teacher.

Please remember that in the English stream, where there is no alternative, the child with learning difficulties must stay in his/her program. The existence of this option of transferring the child out of immersion sometimes encourages a parent to transfer the child too hastily.

Apart from some extreme cases, children with learning difficulties should not be denied the right and privilege of becoming bilingual and also should be able to draw satisfaction and pride from understanding and speaking two world languages.

## CPF PEI Teacher and Administrators survey - Thank you to participants!

Thank you to all the teachers and administrators who responded to our survey in June. The data we collect will help us to understand what motivates our survey respondents, and what is important to them. The results will also evoke discussion as well as provide valuable feedback for a baseline to measure and establish a benchmark from which to compare results over time. Respondents had an opportunity to enter their names into a draw. The winners are Monica Kayijuka, Lisa Ranahan, Andréa Perry and Angela Coffin. They win a \$20 gift card each. Thanks to Mary MacPhee for administering the survey and the draw.

Survey responses and analysis will be available soon in the State of FSL in Education PEI report due out in the fall.

## NoteRythme

Have fun being a [composer](#) in French by changing the words, instruments and vocal tracks on 3 different compositions, and for inspiration [watch videos](#) that children in schools in Québec have created around popular French songs.

## À ne pas faire à la maison

Kids, don't try this at home! But do watch [this fun series](#) that explores and demystifies questions like why do some candies tingle on your tongue? Why can you hold a battery without getting a shock? All that and much more!

## Benefits Of French Language Education: Be Ready With The Facts

### Employment Opportunities

Official language bilinguals make, on average, 10% more than their monolingual counterparts; **Official language** bilinguals have an unemployment rate of 4%, well under the national average of 7.7%; **French is the 3rd most useful** language for international business: *Bloomberg Magazine*

### Social Mobility

**More than 200 million people speak French on five continents** 7.3 million Canadians identify French as their mother tongue.

### Cognitive & Cultural Development

**Develop listening skills, focus, and concentration;**  
**Increase cognitive abilities** to understand complex and abstract concepts;  
Enhance the ability to communicate in the first language;  
Strengthen problem-solving skills;

Acquire a third or fourth language much more easily;

**Delay the onset of dementia;**

Learn tolerance, insight, and understanding of other cultures...and many more!

### **A Growing International Language**

[Data suggest French may be the language of the future:](#)

[Forbes Magazine](#) For many centuries, France was the official language of culture and erudition. It was the language of diplomacy and arts. Aristocrats in Imperial Russia spoke French, even amongst themselves, as Tolstoy and many others documented. In short, if you wanted to be educated, you had to speak French.

Things have changed a lot since then. With the decline of France and the rise of the Anglosphere, English is now the world's lingua franca. But French remains an official language in many international institutions, from the UN to the European Union to the Olympics Committee (founded by a Frenchman), and learning French still retains some cachet.

French may be a beautiful language, but few would argue it's the most useful, and almost nobody would argue it's the language of the future. John McWhorter spoke for many when he wrote an immediately viral piece titled, "[Let's Stop Pretending That French Is an Important Language](#)," attacking New York City's bilingual education programs.

Here's the thing: the data suggests that the French language just might be the language of the future. To read more on this Forbes article <http://goo.gl/t6zAzd>

### **Trivia Boum app from IDÉLLO**

[Trivia Boum](#) is a fun, free trivia game app from [IDÉLLO](#): a new world of online learning with games, apps and websites and thousands of French-language resources for all ages and levels. It is possible for kids to enjoy their

summer vacation and practice their French at the same time! [Click here](#) to sign up for free!

### **All aboard La Francomobile!**

A game-based way to learn French the fun way! Built just for kids aged 7 to 12, the award-winning [La Francomobile](#) is engaging and motivating. Beginners learning the French language will benefit from going beyond flashcards the best way there is: through listening to fluent francophones speak on video and audio.

### **Canadian Parents for French**

**Our Core Idea** Every student in Canada should have the opportunity to learn and use French.

**Our Mission:** Canadian Parents for French furthers bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.

**Distinguishing Characteristic:** We are a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that champions the opportunity to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.

[CPF PEI Member of the Month is Lisa Ferguson, Kensington. This program is brought to you by McDonalds.](#)

**Word of the day:** la remoulade : a kind of sauce  
La sauce rémoulade s'accommode avec les crustacés, poissons, œufs mollets et le céleri

### **Important dates in August**

August 6 - Civic Holiday

August 17 - Gold Cup Parade

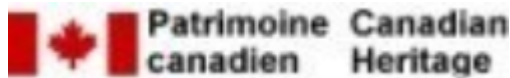
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