



Providing opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French

Get Involved As A Local Parent Volunteer!

CPF PEI is a volunteer based organization and a vast majority of the amazing work we do is by local chapter volunteers.



We are looking for volunteers across the province to get involved in their local school communities to help support and promote quality French language education for all students.

Your level of commitment is really up to you! You could help organize local French musical performances, movie nights, exchanges, camps, public speaking competitions and so much more!

Your involvement could be as simple as helping your local CPF Chapter with all of the little things from stuffing envelopes to blowing up balloons, or as involved as meeting with school trustees, to taking on a leadership role within your local chapter.

Each chapter operates a little differently so depending on where you live, there are different opportunities. For more information about volunteering please contact Gail Ilecky at gilecky@cpfpei.pe.ca or 368-3703. Visit pei.cpf.ca to learn more about us.



English and French are essential components of the Canadian identity. Over time, this linguistic duality has been enriched by the contributions of numerous cultures. The second Thursday of September

is designated 'Linguistic Duality Day' across the Federal public service. It is a day that highlights Canada's official languages as key elements of the public service as they are a strength that makes our institutions uniquely Canadian. The Canadian culture is made richer through the enhanced development of both our official languages.

PEI Federal Council with the support of CPF PEI asked students to "Tell us about a time when you were able to use your French and how you felt about it." (in English or French or both). Participating classrooms received certificates and prizes.



Grade 6 class at École François Buote

New French Programs Consultant



Eunice MacIntyre is the new French Programs (K-6) Curriculum Consultant for the English Language School Board. Deneen Gallant-Norring is now the French Programs Consultant for Grade 7-12. A further change is that René Hurtubise has moved to the Director of French Programs at the Department of Education replacing interim Director Guy Albert.

French Immersion Information Sessions were held at each of schools offering Early Immersion (Kindergarten). Hundreds of parents turned out to hear the benefits of learning a second language in the Immersion approach. Currently there are over 400 students in FI Kindergarten, over 4500 in all grades.

PEI has the 3rd highest enrollment in FI in Canada (by population).

Learning French on PEI

Your child will soon be entering the Prince Edward Island school system. Communicating in French is one of many interesting and valuable skills he/she will learn at school. Whether your child learns French through the Core French program or one of the optional French Immersion programs offered in P.E.I., he/she will benefit from the experience.

Benefits of Learning a Second Language

- **Communication**
Speaking another language shows respect for that culture, and people. Learning another language opens one's mind to new ideas and new ways of looking at the world.
- **Language Enhancement**
Learning another language can help you to better understand your own.
- **Business and careers**
Employers tend to prefer candidates who speak one or more languages.

French Education in Prince Edward Island

Mandatory Core French

French as a subject will be introduced in schools in Grade 4* and will continue to Grade 9. French is available for students in Core French as an elective from grades 10 to 12. (*Some schools introduce French as early as Grade 1.)

French Immersion Options

As a parent, you have the option of choosing to enroll your child in one of the immersion programs available in PEI.

- **Early French Immersion**
This program begins in Kindergarten and ends in Grade 12. Time spent learning in French ranges from 90 percent in Kindergarten to at least 25 percent in Grade 12.
- **Mid-immersion (only offered at Gulf Shore.)**
This program begins in Grade 4 and ends in Grade 12. Time spent learning in French ranges from 90 percent in Grade 4 to at least 25 percent in Grade 12.
- **Late French Immersion**
This program begins in Grade 7 and ends in Grade 12. Time spent learning in French ranges from 75 percent in Grade 7 to at least 25 percent in Grade 12.

More information on French immersion programs in P.E.I. is contained in the brochure "Learning French in P.E.I.", available from your Child Care Centre or by contacting: The English Language School Board at 902-368-6990 or at www.gov.pe.ca/eisb or from Canadian Parents for French- P.E.I. (902) 368-3703 or at www.cpfpei.pe.ca



La Voix Acadienne is seeking French speaking representatives for their editorial board. This would be a great way to help out as well as perfect your French!

La Voix acadienne est à la recherche de personnes afin de siéger au sein de son Conseil d'administration. Si la communication vous intéresse et que vous aimeriez en savoir un peu plus à ce sujet, veuillez communiquer avec Marcia Enman, la directrice du journal au 902-436-6005 ou par courriel à marcia.enman@lavoixacadienne.com

Collège Acadie is offering a 10% discount on all of the Collège's regular training programs for members of CPF - PEI; this offer is good for any of it's language learning programs including the Pour l'amour du français and For the Love of English language programs which offer learners the tools they need to communicate in French or in English in the workplace and in their everyday life. This program combines self-learning by using DVDs, with assistance from tutors, either in class, online or by telephone. Visit their web site at <http://www.collegeacadieipe.ca>



FRENCH VOCABULARY

[French Word-A-Day](#)

disjoncter (dee-zohn-ktay) : to crack up, to lose it, to come undone

Ce n'est pas grave = it's not a worry

comme d'habitude = as usual



Alice Taylor and Eileen Conway-Martin presenters at workshop on October 21, 2013

Education 20/20 held a community workshop on the learning process in Charlottetown on Monday evening, October 21. The workshop was designed to give participants a chance to look at learning from a learner's point of view. To start the discussion, learners were asked to recall their most memorable learning experience and how it impacted their lives. Eileen Conway Martin (left) a Past President of CPF PEI and currently working for Native Council was one of the presenters.

Thank you to all of you who stopped by our booth at the **PEI Teachers Federation Convention** in October.

Winners of the CPF PEI prizes were: Janice Corney—Eliot River School received the trousse a tresor and Karen Cooper received the book *Par un jour d'ete* by Luanne Roe.

French Student Excellence Award

Canadian Parents for French PEI will be sponsoring five students to take part in an exciting week of activities at the Encounters with Canada Program.

Encounters with Canada is a one-week program held at the [Terry Fox Youth Center](#) in Ottawa.

Students in any French program, ages 14-17 may apply. Please see the FAQs sheet for the full criteria and process for applying.

Students are asked to apply and send with their application letters of support. All *Letters of Recommendation* for the nomination must be enclosed with the application form.

Letters should include a letter (in French) from the applicant stating why they want to and what they have been doing to use their French outside of school. Also include a minimum of one letter from their French teacher, a letter from a peer, a parent/guardian and from three to five additional letters of support, for example teachers, neighbors, coaches (in French or English). Each letter should be 150-200 words long.

Submit by mail to: CPF-PEI French Student Excellence Award, PO Box 2785, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 8C4 or fax to: 902-628-8062 (original copy must follow in the mail)

Information has gone to the schools and can be accessed at site <http://pei.cpf.ca/french-student-excellence-award>

Don't delay: Deadline

Extended to Dec. 13, 2013

Rencontres
HISTORICA
Encounters

Latest Official Languages Report

On November 7, 2013—Commissioner of Official Languages Graham Fraser tabled his seventh annual report on the state of Canada's two official languages.

In March 2013, the Prime Minister reappointed Fraser as Commissioner of Official Languages for a new three-year term. The Commissioner's 2012–2013 annual report lays out six broad recommendations

focusing on major issues such as access to justice in both official languages, immigration and language training in the federal public service. These will set the tone and direction for his new three-year mandate. To see the full report:

http://www.ocol-clo.gc.ca/html/reports_rapports_e.php#AR





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December Important dates
December 20 last day of school
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
Dec. 25th Christmas Day
Dec. 31st New Year's Eve



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CPF PEI is seeking new board members. If you would like to get involved and help promote French second language education, call us at 368-3703 or email info@cpfpei.pe.ca

CPF membership application form

CPF allows one or two adults per family as voting members.
 New membership Renewal membership # _____ Change of Address

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 First Member Surname, Given Name Second Member's Surname, Given name

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Best Value! 3 year - \$60 \$ _____

1 year - \$25 \$ _____

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65% of your membership fee supports the activities of your local Chapter, 25% supports CPF's work at the branch level and 10% goes to CPF National to partially cover processing costs.

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