# AROUND LARONDE - Sept 25, 2018

Our commitment at École Laronde is to offer a fulfilling French experience while developing kind, respectful and responsible learners who are creative builders of their future.

À l'École Laronde, nous nous engageons à offrir une riche expérience du français et à former des élèves gentils, respectueux et responsables aui sont les créateurs de leur avenir.

#### MEET THE TEACHER – BOOK FAIR – ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Come join us on Thursday, September 27 to meet your child's teacher, buy some great books and learn about Odyssey of the Mind!

Book fair in the gym from 2:30 - 7:00 pm

Meet the teacher in classrooms from 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Odyssey of the Mind info for parents in the library 6:10–7:00 pm

#### **SCHOOL FORMS**

This week your child will be bringing home the following forms:

- student verification
- fruit & veggie program
- volunteer driver
- media release consent (K or new students only)
- technology usage (K or new students only)

Please read each form carefully, fill in accordingly and return as a package to the school as soon as possible.

## **PARKING LOT**

So far, the flow in the parking lot seems to be moving fairly well. Please continue to remain in your vehicle and move through the drop off and pick up zone. Please remember that cell phone use is **not** permitted while driving, even in our parking lot.

Thank you for helping to keep our students, staff and community safe.



# **Upcoming Events**

# September 25

Fire drill

Cross Country Meet @ Crescent Park

# September 26

Photo Day

#### September 27

Code Red - Lockdown Practice

Meet the Teacher-Book Fair-Odyssey of the Mind Info Session

#### September 28

Orange Shirt Day

PAC meeting @ 9 am

# **Cross Country**

Practices: Wednesday mornings 8:15 – 8:35 and Friday afternoons 2:35 – 3:05

#### **MORE IMPORTANT NEWS**

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

Please see link below for back to school mental health guide for students & parents for parents on a variety of issues. Each topic includes a brief article. We will be sharing social-emotional learning/mental health information with you throughout this year. Just as we all need to keep physically fit it is also important to keep ourselves mentally fit.

https://psychcentral.com/back-to-school/



#### PLAYGROUND SAFETY and RESPECT

At Laronde we are working on being more inclusive, respectful, responsible and empathetic. We are encouraging all of our students to play in a safe, caring and kind manner. We are giving each class a bin of playground equipment to use during outside recess and lunch play time. Staff members will be working with students to teach outdoor games and to review expectations for inclusion and kindness. We also want to encourage students to create their own games and fun. Swings have been a particular issue as we have started this school year. We have set out some rules to help students all have fun and be safe using the swings.

- ask politely to use a swing or count to 100 to get your turn
- only one person on each swing
- we have asked students **not to** dodge swings, run through swings or to pull people off of swings

We would ask all parents/guardians to discuss safety with their child(ren), as we work together to keep everyone safe while having fun. We also ask that parents supervise their child(ren) before school supervision starts at 8:20 and after school supervision ends at 2:47 to ensure that everyone is safe.

#### **PLANNERS**

Please remember to go online to pay for your child's planner, if he/she does not have one yet. For students in grades 2-7 only.

# In the Community

CPF – see latest issue - attached

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# Connect Parent Program Starts at Jessie Lee Elementary in South Surrey on Oct 4 2018

# WHAT IS THE CONNECT PARENT PROGRAM?

Connect is a 10-week program to support parents of pre-teens and teens. Parents meet in small groups (10-16) with two trained group leaders for 1.5 hours each week.

Each session provides parents with a new perspective on parent-pre-teen relationships and adolescent development. Parents watch role-plays, do exercises and discuss new ways of responding to challenging behaviour and problems. Parents receive handouts following each session with key points to remember

We understand that each child and each parent is different and change is part of development. Rather than teach only one way of parenting, we help parents see choices that support healthy relationships while setting limits and helping their pre-teen or teen to move forward

Where: Jessie Lee Elementary School (in library)

2064 154 St., Surrey, BC

Who: Parents of Children and Pre-Teens

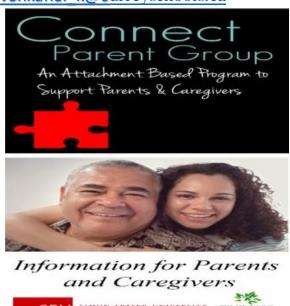
Grades 3 – 7 / Ages 8 – 12 (childcare provided)

When: Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 pm (dinner provided)

Oct 4 - Dec 6 2018

Contact: Karen Von Kanel from Surrey School District at 604 495 9486 or

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Furthering bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French

# Communiqué

## September 2018

C'est la rentrée scolaire! We hope you had a wonderful summer, and a super first week back in the swing of things at school. We're looking forward to another enjoyable year full of engaging French-language experiences avec vous!

— Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Branch

# In this communiqué:

- How to renew a membership or <u>join CPF</u>
- Supporting students in the new school year
- Activities and resources for parents, teachers and kids!

**CPF Membership Drive 2018** 



# Join or renew your membership today!

As a <u>CPF member</u> you are taking an active part in the educational and personal growth of your children and your community, and Canada's two Official Languages are stronger because of your support.

# There are <u>great incentives</u> to join this fall!

- Sign up or renew in September or October, and **90% of your membership fee goes right back to your local chapter!**
- New and returning members who sign up this fall are entered to **win books**, **coffee**, **magazine subscriptions and lots of other great prizes!**

Join / Renew Online

Resources for students, educators & parents



Whether you are a student learning French, an educator teaching the language, or a parent who wants to acquire or improve French language skills, **we have resources for you!** 

- Activities in French books, music, films, TV shows etc.
- **Homework help** dictionaries, apps, downloadable fact sheets etc.
- **Educator resources** becoming a French teacher, teaching resources etc.
- French courses for parents in person and online
- Francophone cultural resources in BC & Yukon

# For Students: Strategies for Easing Transition Shock



**Learning a new language** — **especially in an immersive environment** — **can be an exhausting experience at first.** Like going for your first run in several months or driving on a long road trip, it takes a lot of concentration and mental fitness.

<u>This Edutopia article</u> focuses on English Language Learners, but there's a lot that we can keep in mind about our young French learners too!

- Transition shock can manifest physically in students as head and tummy aches through stress
- Great ways to ease the transition back into the immersive environment is through predictable scheduling, physical activity and lots of communication!

For Parents and Teachers: Francolab

<u>Francolab</u> and <u>Francolab Junior</u> offer videos, activities and exercises for French teachers and learners alike. There is even an app for young learners full of educational and interactive games to play!

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# French outside of the classroom

There are plenty of resources — music, theatre, movies, tv and books — that students and families can take advantage of at home and in their communities. You can check out **this list** on our site, or explore some of the options below. *Amusez-vous!* 

# **BC Francophone Events Calendar**



The <u>Calendrier francophone de la Colombie-Britannique</u> is a **wonderful resource for discovering francophone events all over British Columbia** in the areas of youth, culture, sports, etc. The CFCB maintains a very active presence on its <u>website</u> and <u>social media</u> and is a great source to find the francophone pulse in your community!

# **Francophone music streams on ICI Musique**

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**Learning songs in French will help children expand their vocabulary, learn new expressions and develop confidence.** Press play on ICI Musique's Coin des Petits "webradio" to listen with your child to ondemand, commercial-free singalong tunes by renowned francophone artists. For tweens, there is the lively 9-12 ans webradio. And for teens and adults, there is a wide assortment of musical genres; check out all of ICI Musique's music streams here.

**Franconnexion Sessions & Free Toolkit** 



**French for the Future's** <u>Franconnexion Sessions</u> are events that are **organized by teachers for students in grades 7 to 12 enrolled in any French program**(Core, Extended, Immersion, French as a First Language) and give students the opportunity to participate in workshops and cultural activities centred on the benefits of speaking French. A free personalized <u>Franconnexion Toolkit</u> containing new videos, activities and a teaching quide is included.

# **IDÉLLO Magazine**

**Help your kids think outside the classroom with IDÉLLO**, a learning platform for students, parents and teachers, featuring games, apps and websites and thousands of French-language resources for all ages and levels. Learn more **here**.

Check out the September 2018 issue of IDÉLLO Magazine (in French) along with previous issues here.

BC and Yukon members who join or renew with CPF before Oct. 31 will be entered in a draw to win a full-year subscription!

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Join or Renew Now!

**Language Portal of Canada | Nos langues** 



**The Language Portal of Canada** is a one-stop online destination for free language resources to help Canadians improve their **English** and **French**. A new blog has just been launched on the Portal, check it out **here!** 

Our Chapters: a strong community base



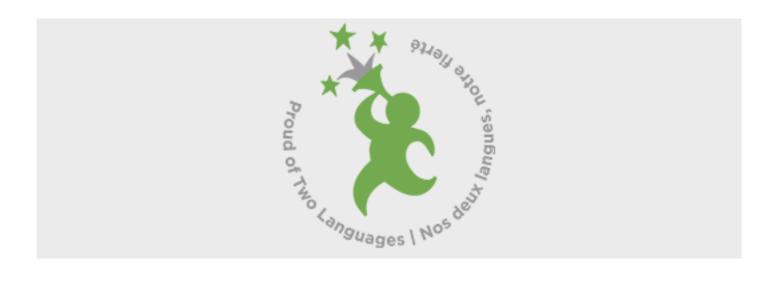
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