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opportunities for students
to learn and use French**

FRENCH IMMERSION CELEBRATION WEEK

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January 2020

Bonne année! We are looking forward to moving into a new decade of French language learning with you and your family! There is already a lot going on in the first quarter of 2020, keep reading and you will see what we mean!

IN THIS COMMUNIQUÉ:

- **New FSL resources, opportunities and contests**
- **Looking ahead to French Immersion Celebration Week and other exciting events in 2020**
- **Celebrating *la francophonie* in BC and beyond**

New resources & opportunities



French Teachers: [Franconnexion Session Toolkits](#) from French for the Future are available until Jan. 31. A fantastic way to raise awareness about the advantages (and the fun!) of speaking French.



Want to help your children improve their French this winter? [Order this free bilingual poster](#) — it's a great tool to help kids learn the names of various winter sports *en français!*



[MAJ — Mon actualité jeunesse](#) is a fantastic new current events platform from Radio-Canada for youth, created by youth! A cool way for teens to keep up with the news while practicing their French.

Winning with French: Where Are They Now?



Check out CPF National's new standalone [Where Are They Now website](#) and discover stories of French Second Language graduates (including several from BC) who explain how learning French has enriched their lives today!



Did you know that Explore Canada offers a three-week long [intensive language-immersion program](#) for students aged 13 to 15 years old? Hurry, the deadline is Feb. 15, 2020! This is also the Early Bird deadline for the longer [Explore programs](#) for students aged 16+.



Students, put your bilingualism to work with a summer job with Parks Canada! [Find out more](#) about the employment opportunities at Parks Canada's amazing national parks and discover more Volunteer and Employment Opportunities [here](#).



January is scholarship and bursary time, and CPF has lots of leads for students and teachers on where to apply! Check out our [Scholarships page](#) for French-focused scholarship, funding, and travel opportunities.

Exciting contests for FSL students!

Entering video contests is a great way for French-Second-Language students to practice their spoken French, learn about the francophone world, and potentially win some great prizes!

Historica Canada's Me, Moi + Canada: Celebrate 50 years of official bilingualism! In a short video, share your experiences related to the two official languages of Canada. *Submission deadline: Feb. 15, 2020.*



Slame tes accents: A slam poetry contest for students 12 to 18. Teachers, this is a fantastic way for your students to participate in a global francophone slam poetry competition. *Submission deadline: March 20, 2020.*



Languages Build: This is an exciting contest from the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers that provides Canadians of all ages with an opportunity to share their stories of how learning an official language has impacted or changed their lives. *Submission deadline: March 31, 2020.*



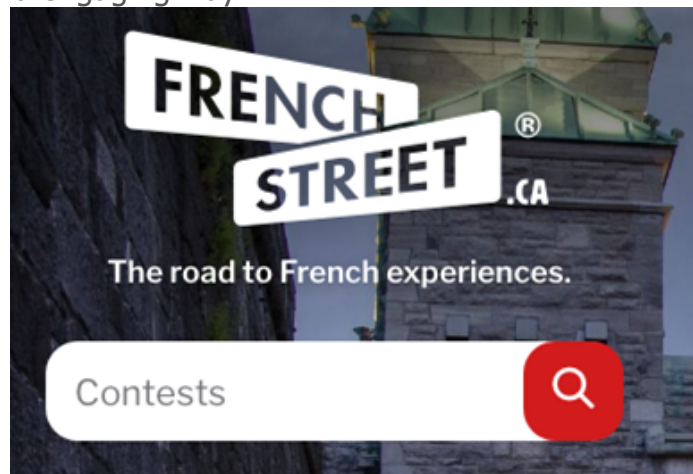
ACPI's annual **Immersion Clip Contest** invites French Immersion students in grades 9 to 12 to create a 30 to 90-second video clip in French, based on the theme of the year. Prizes includes university scholarships and gift certificates. *Deadline: Feb. 24, 2020.*



The [Planetary Creativity](#) contest from *Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie* invites you to give new life to everyday items by reusing them to create a work of art, for a chance to win a \$5000 scholarship! Entries can be in French or bilingual. *Deadline: Feb. 14, 2020.*



Search for more contests in British Columbia, Yukon and across Canada on [FrenchStreet](#), the amazing database of resources created to enhance the curriculum and inspire students to learn French in an interactive and engaging way.



Lots to look forward to in 2020!



Tap your feet to the beat of French-Canadian music at Fort Langley National Historic Site's **Vive les Voyageurs Festival** from **Jan. 25-26** and enliven your senses with the traditional foods, music and culture of the 19th century French-Canadian and Métis fur traders.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
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FRENCH
CAMP**



Looking for a one-of-a-kind family camping experience?

British Columbia Family French Camp

is a fun, French-centered, high energy, activity-oriented summer camp where French Immersion students and other French-speaking children bring their families along to camp!

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Registration for the very popular **British Columbia Family French Camp** opens in **February!** Did you know that CPF Membership is required to attend French Camp? Make sure **your membership is up-to-date** (expires Sept. 2020 or later) in time for **BCFFC registration!**



The week of **Feb. 3–9** will officially be recognized as **French Immersion Celebration Week** by both the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Yukon this year. CPF members will be organizing **celebratory events** across BC & Yukon!



March is International Francophonie Month! Celebrate *la francophonie* and its culture, diversity and inclusiveness across Canada with **Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie**'s enriching program including ACELF's wide range of **French-language activities** for kids.



In **March 2020**, to celebrate French expression throughout Canada, the National Film Board is offering **free French-language films** to organizations and communities to host local screenings. Find the full list of films **here**. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31.



Celebrate French Canadian history, art and culture at [Festival du Bois](#), the largest Francophone festival on the west coast of Canada. The event takes place in Maillardville, the cradle of francophone culture in BC, from [March 6-8, 2020](#).



Save the date ([April 22](#)) for [National Canadian Film Day 2020](#)! This is a massive one-day, coast-to-coast-to-coast celebration of Canadian cinema and many CPF chapters will be hosting French film nights, stay tuned for details!



[May 2, 2020](#) is the date for this year's provincial French-language public speaking competition, [Concours d'art oratoire](#). Bonne chance to all participants at school level and school district competitions! The National competition will take place in Ottawa-Gatineau on June 6, 2020.

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CONCOURS d'art oratoire
Canada's French Public Speaking Contest
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What is Concours?
Concours d'art oratoire is a Canadian annual French language public speaking competition that involves nearly 10,000 students each year and tens of thousands of dollars' worth of prizes. The goal of Concours is to stimulate students' interest in the French language, improve French speaking skills, and provide experience presenting in public. Concours is organized by Canadian Parents for French (CPF), who have worked together with parents and school staff since 1983 to organize school, district, and provincial-level competitions for French Second Language and Francophone students in grades 6 through 12. Thousands of students compete at the school and district levels, and each year more than 200 school district winners compete in the BC Provincial Concours Finals held at the Surrey campus of Simon Fraser University. First place winners in grade 12 categories advance to compete at the National Concours Finals, organized by Canadian Parents for French National.

What are the benefits of Concours?
Concours helps students refine their French abilities and public speaking skills, and provides experience planning, researching, and writing a presentation on a topic of choice. Concours matches many goals of the updated BC school curriculum, and can relate to all Core Competencies, depending on which topics students choose to research. Core Competencies from the BC school curriculum are communication, creative thinking, critical thinking, personal and cultural identity, personal awareness and responsibility, and social responsibility. Socially, students have the opportunity to work with others and meet new friends in their school, district, and province.

Who competes at the provincial Concours?

- French Immersion (Early and Late) Grades 6 - 12
- Francophone Grades 6 - 12
- Bilingual French Grades 6 - 8
- Core French (Basic French) Grades 8 - 12

What are the prizes at the Provincial and National Concours?
Every year, the first place winner in every grade 12 category has the opportunity to travel to the National Concours, where they compete for a \$20,000 scholarship to the University of Ottawa*, among other prizes. At the provincial level, the top three winners in each category earn medals and cash prizes awarded by the CPF BC & Yukon Branch. In 2019, when Seneca began partnering with CPF BC & Yukon to award certificates and Grade 12 cash prizes for speeches on topics related to health and well-being.

* Participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents in order to qualify for scholarships awarded at the national level.

Are there Teacher Resources and Judging Forms available?
Yes! There are a series of teacher resources, lessons, and judging criteria available online.

How much does it cost to participate in the provincial Concours?
Participating students are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and a small registration fee to help cover the organization costs of Concours. Small subsidies are available through CPF Chapters for the costs of Concours winners traveling to Seneca from outside of Metro Vancouver for the provincial finals. CPF Chapters can submit a Concours Subsidy Form to the CPF BC & Yukon Branch. Parents of participants must apply to their local chapter in order to receive a Concours Subsidy.


NOW Languages: Speech Category
A new Imprints: Speech category has been piloted in Ontario and at the National Concours. CPF BC & Yukon is considering piloting this category at the 2022 or 2023 BC and Yukon Concours.

Curious about *Concours d'art oratoire*?

Check out [CPF BC & Yukon's supplement](#) to CPF Magazine's Fall 2019 issue, it features a [very handy article](#) (p.4-5) on this unique and enduring French-language public speaking competition — a "Concours 101" primer with practical info on the event's levels, categories, key dates and other pertinent FAQs.

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DE LA COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

Discover francophone culture in BC and Yukon

The vitality and diversity of French-speaking communities in BC and Yukon is absolutely amazing! Learn about francophone organizations near you via our [Francophone Resources page](#), in FrenchStreet's [Francophone Centres section](#), (use the Location filter on the left) and discover up-to-date events in BC by visiting the [Calendar of francophone events in British Columbia](#).



Training and connecting with CPF National

This month, CPF BC & Yukon and CPF National joined forces to host productive and engaging Volunteer training sessions in Vancouver and Victoria. [Volunteer Chapter Reps](#) also had the opportunity to check out new Branch and National resources and meet staff and board members from CPF BC & Yukon and CPF National – a few of them are shown in the photo above.

Our Chapters: a strong community base



Support your local CPF chapter and French Second Language education in your community by joining/renewing/volunteering!

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Find a local chapter ➡ [here](#)


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