

Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan

# Chapter Chat



September 2008

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## Chapter Planning Meeting 2008

On June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> chapter representatives, CPF-SK provincial board members and staff met in Saskatoon for the annual planning meeting and AGM (Annual General Meeting). For the presentation of the CPF-SK awards, we were joined on Friday evening by guests, including representatives from Canadian Heritage, the provincial government and the official opposition, the francophone community as well as French – second - language organizations. In addition to the AGM on Saturday, Jennifer Wessner, from the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, presented a workshop about *Official Languages: Promotion of Bilingualism*. Also, Maureen McIntosh from BestLife Seminars Inc. presented a workshop on *How to Create Your Best Life*. There was much to think about as we learned of the challenges and incentives for supporting French – second -language learning opportunities in our province.

A highlight of the day was the presentation of chapter reports where we learned more about the different activities taking place in areas around Saskatchewan and challenges that chapters are facing. At the AGM, the 2007 - 2008 financial statement was presented and adopted and discussions took place about CPF programs. New board members were elected:

President: Valerie Miller (Yorkton)  
Vice President: Suzanne Rollo (Regina)  
Treasurer/ Secretary: Natasha Vetter (Prince Albert)  
Director: Eric Bolay (Prince Albert)  
Director: Claudette Anderson (La Ronge)  
Director: Monique Myers (Wawota)

**The next Annual General Meeting will be held on June 13, 2009 in Saskatoon in conjunction with the annual Chapter Planning Meeting.**

## CPF-SK Multimedia Kits for 2008 - 2009 School Year



This month, Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan started to send out four Multimedia Kits that are available again to schools for a loan period of six weeks during the 2008-2009 school year.

Students are able to borrow materials for free from this kit to take home in order to support their classroom learning. The kit contains materials for students in kindergarten to grade eight and consists of cassette tapes, CD's, CD-ROM's videos, books and games. The host school is responsible for the kit during the six week period and also for sending it on to the next location.

This program is made available to schools and parent groups that are Associate Member Organizations (AMOs). For a cost of \$60 per year the group receives not only access to the Multimedia Kit, but is also eligible to apply for the Grade 6-9 Grant Program, receive bulk mailings of our pamphlets and posters as well as make use of some of our promotional resources. The AMOs also receive a monthly information bulletin suitable for photocopying in school newsletters.

This initiative has been very effective so far, reaching large numbers of children and developing their Associate Membership Program. If you are interested to have this French resource, call our office at 244-6151 or 1-800-561-6151. We are hopeful that many children and their families in Saskatchewan will use this resource as a way of enriching classroom studies. Please note that the program is based on school rotation.

### *Le petit monde de Paul et Suzanne*



CPF-Saskatchewan has two *Paul et Suzanne* kits available for the 2008-2009 school year. These kits contain storybooks, cassettes, videotapes and a teacher's guide. In order to use these materials, the preschool must be a current Associate Member Organization (AMO).

Paul and Suzanne are colorful characters of a French program that is specifically designed for children between three to five who speak very little French. The program aims to facilitate the acquisition of French and the French cultural identity from a very young age. The kit is focused on child's personality and develops social, emotional, physical, intellectual and moral aptitudes.

Please contact Mihaela Giurgiu at the branch office if you know of a preschool that might be interested.

If your membership expired, please feel free to fill out one of the following forms and submit it to our branch office.



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Join Canadian Parents for French Today!

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the Canada-wide volunteer network of thousands of individuals, families and organizations interested in creating and promoting French second language learning opportunities for young people.

Associate Member Organizations are: Schools, School Divisions and Post-Secondary Institutions, Parent Advisory Councils, Educator's Associations and Community Groups supporting the mission statement of Canadian Parents for French.

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Associate Membership Application Form

New Membership    Renewal: Membership # \_\_\_\_\_    Change of Address

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters Required (10 Max.)

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

ANNUAL FEE IS \$60.00

65% of your membership fee is used by Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan chapters to provide local programs. 25% supports CPF's work at the branch level and 10% goes to CPF National to partially cover processing costs. Tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more. (CPF- Saskatchewan Charitable Tax # 106865231RR0001)

Occasionally the CPF membership list will be made available to other groups/agencies to offer members benefits of education-related information. Use of this list will be carefully regulated and only permitted under a contract specifying confidentiality and one-time authorization.

If you do NOT wish to receive mailings other than directly from CPF, please check this box

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHEQUE MADE OUT TO: **Canadian Parents for French**



## Mini Rendez-vous around the corner

Mini Rendez-vous is an active fun filled day for kids in kindergarten to grade five. French speaking university students lead workshops in crafts, science, music and cooking along with sports and games – all in French. Chapters book the location, take care of registration, find local assistants, arrange for lunch and snacks and pay any facility's fees. Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan provides the programming, monitors and supplies.

**Now is the time to book your Mini Rendez-vous. Give the CPF-SK office a call today!**

## Calendar of Events

### October 2008

- 5 International Education Day
- 5 International World Teacher's Day
- 9-12 'Mil neuf cent dix-huit' by Kevin Kerr, performed by 'La Troupe Du Jour' (Saskatoon)
- 17 Deadline for *Parlement franco-canadien du Nord et de l'Ouest* (AJF)
- 16-19 Youth Parliament (AJF)
- 16-19 CPF National AGM (Ottawa): *Access to the Future Conference*
- 16-19 'Mil neuf cent dix-huit' by Kevin Kerr, performed by 'La Troupe Du Jour' (Saskatoon)
- 20-27 Library week in Saskatchewan

### November 2008

- 13-16 *Parlement franco-canadien du Nord et de l'Ouest* (AJF)
- 14 Deadline for Volunteer of the Year Award
- 15 Branch Board Meeting (Saskatoon)
- 20 Universal Children's Day

### December 2008

- 5 International Day of Volunteers
- 5 Presentation of Volunteer Award by Chapters
- 11-12 *Les Mots d'ados* by Amanda GAUDET, Camille GAUDET, Charlie Douglas and Gabrielle Dufresne performed by La Troupe du Jour (Saskatoon)
- 13 Franco-Noël (AJF)

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