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Promoting opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French

NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2013

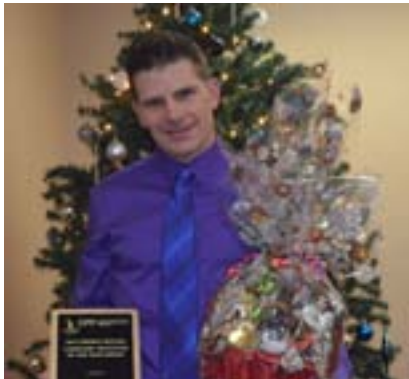
It was a very special night for CPF volunteers at the Holiday Inn Halifax Harbourview. CPF Nova Scotia held a Volunteer Recognition night, December 14th, to celebrate some of its exceptional and long serving volunteers.

Rima Majaess and Michael Johnston were honoured as the 2013 Volunteers of the Year. Both volunteers have been educators for the HRSB. Michael, now retired, has volunteered for many years with the Dartmouth chapter. Mme Majaess has been involved in many activities for FSL students such as Model Parliament, Model UN and French for the Future. She is also one of a handful of CPF members who have been members for over 25 years.

Joan Dobbie, President of the Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South chapter was also honoured for her longtime service of 15 years.



2013 French Second Language Educator of the Year



Gilles Boudreau is an exceptional teacher and motivator. He presently teaches Core French at Brookhouse Elementary School in Dartmouth. He has also taught at Astral Drive Elementary, Bell Park and Prince Arthur Jr High. Mr Boudreau, an Acadian from Louisdale, is a graduate of Isle Madame District High.

He studied French at St Francis Xavier University and received his B.Ed from Université Sainte-Anne.

CPF Nova Scotia is pleased to honour one of its first FSL Teachers of the Year who has worked extensively in CPF Nova Scotia's French summer camp programs.

Michelle Talbot

2013 Recipient of Canadian Parents for French – Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South and Université Sainte-Anne Award



Michelle is taking the combined BA/B.Ed program, with a major in History and a minor in English. Originally from Cape Breton, Michelle is a graduate of Riverview Rural High School. She has also been a very involved student at the Université Sainte-Anne Church Point campus. She is the Vice-President of the Association of Students in Educative Sciences (AESE).

CPF NOVA SCOTIA SUMMER CAMPS

CPF Nova Scotia offers a wide variety of French summer camps to help your child learn French - while having fun!

Starting the camp season off in June, Camp Rankin and Camp Breton Dean take place in Cape Breton. For information on these camps, please contact CPF Port Hawkesbury and CPF Sydney.

In July, our second international camp will take place at the FrancoForum on St.Pierre. This unique opportunity allows students to experience European culture close to home. Sea Kayak Adventure Camp and Nautical Camp also take place in July on the Magdalen Islands, QC.

Day camps are available in July at Camp Chocolat and Camp du Soleil. This year, there will be Camp Chocolate Junior (gr P-1) and Senior (gr 2-3), similar activities for different age groups. Registration for Camp du Soleil will take place in April at the CPF Dartmouth AGM.

The month of August starts off with Camp Frantastique, then a week at Université Sainte-Anne, and ending our summer season with the ever popular, Camp Kadimah.

For information on dates, ages and costs, please visit ns.cpf.ca. Or contact, Meghan McCarther, Program Coordinator at the Branch office.

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CPF CONCUR D'ART ORATOIRE

Students are busy in the classroom preparing for the Concours d'art oratoire 2014. Local school boards will be holding their regional Concours in March and April.

The CPF Nova Scotia Concours d'art oratoire will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 at Mount Saint Vincent University. Concours is open to French Second Language (FSL) and Francophone students from grades five through twelve who are studying Core French, Integrated French, Intensive French, French immersion (Early or Late) or French First Language.

Over \$20,000 in prizes to be awarded at the provincial Concours d'art oratoire. Camp weeks, movie passes and book prizes for the younger grades. Encounters with Canada bursaries and scholarships for the University of Ottawa, Université de Moncton and Université Sainte-Anne for older grades.

For more information, please contact Rebecca or Meghan at the provincial Branch office.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! CPF Nova Scotia need volunteers for the provincial Concours! Looking for judges, MCs, timekeepers and questioners.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

All events are posted on our Events Calendar at ns.cpf.ca!

January - March: French Immersion registration for local school boards.

February: Summer camp registration opens!

February 4 and 6: Basic French for Parents classes in Halifax and Bedford.

March: French Movie Days for schools.

March - April: Regional Concours d'art oratoires take place at the school boards.

April 27: CPF Nova Scotia provincial Concours d'art oratoire at MSVU.

May 24: CPF National Concours d'art oratoire at UPEI.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Basic French for Parents classes began on January 17 organized by *CPF Valley*.

CPF Dartmouth in collaboration with Michael Johnston with be running French Clubs for Kids, Saturday mornings at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. 9:15-10:15 for ages 5-7 and 10:30-11:30 for ages 8-10. For more information, contact Michael Johnston at frenchclubforkids@gmail.com

The *Port Hawkesbury Chapter* will hold their Annual General Meeting on March 20, 2014 at 6:15, Tamarac Education Centre.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARD: READY TO WRITE! PRÊT À ÉCRIRE!



Grade twelve student Emily Maheux-LeBlanc was honoured at Government House in November as the 2013 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award: Ready to Write! Prêt à écrire! Ms LeBlanc is a French Immersion student at Cape Breton Highlands Academy, Terre Noire, Nova Scotia. Cape Breton Highlands Academy is located in the Strait Regional School Board.

French second language students from grades 10-12 from across the province entered written submissions. Miss LeBlanc's was chosen based on originality, creativity, writing style, organization of ideas, content and written language proficiency. The 2013 theme chosen by his Honour was the 300th anniversary of the founding of Fortress Louisbourg.

"This award celebrates the inherent value of bilingualism and recognizes the important role Canada's two official languages play in our province," Said Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant. "I applaud all young people who submitted an essay for consideration and I congratulate Ms LeBlanc for her outstanding efforts in composing the award-winning essay."

Ms LeBlanc has a passion for public speaking, as well as reading and writing. Ever since a young age, she has been recognized for her abilities to write and speak in French, her second language. Miss LeBlanc has competed in the Concours d'Art Oratoire French public speaking contest held by Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia.

The Lieutenant Governor's Award: Ready to Write! Prêt à écrire! is a partnership with Canadian Parents for French - Nova Scotia and is sponsored by Université Sainte-Anne.

CPF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Strait Regional School Board is looking for Concours d'art oratoire volunteers. The regional Concours will take place on MARCH 20, 2014 at the Mulgrave Professional Development Centre.

If you are interesting in organizing this event or being a judge/MC/timekeeper, please contact Lisa McNamara at lisa.mcnamara@srsb.ca.

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