

CPF Nova Scotia

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH — NOVA SCOTIA

Promoting opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French

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NEWS

Back to School!



La Rentrée! The English speaking world doesn't quite have an equivalent for this unique French expression. It is the energy that comes in September as students head back to school, but also daily life moves from the slow pace of summer to the cooler more productive days of fall.

Parents often contact us at this time of year asking: "What can I do to support and enrich my child's French over the the school year?" There are lots of activities and resources to be found through CPF Nova Scotia partners such as the Centre Communautaire du Grand Havre, Alliance Francaise, and Radio Halifax Métro.

French for Parents

Feeling overwhelmed that your French skills need a serious reboot. Not to worry! CPF Nova Scotia will be running two **French for Parents** courses at three locations in HRM. Registration form is on our website. There are also French classes offered at Alliance Francaise, Université Sainte-Anne, and the Nova Scotia Community College. If you are outside the HRM, contact your local chapter and ask about setting up a **French for Parents** class.

FrancoFest, November 1-13

Students from grades 5 to 12 are invited to take part in this year's writing competition, "Raconte-moi un souvenir". Using selected words from a list, students are encouraged to write down stories that their parents or grandparents have passed on to them. www.francofest.ca/concour-contest Deadline is October 24, 2014.

The **Salon de Livre** will take place at Ecole du Carrefour at 201 du Portage Ave, Dartmouth from November 6-8. Come check out the deals on French books for all ages. The FrancoFest concert line up will be announced on September 25. www.FrancoFest.ca

Atlantic Film Festival, September 11-18

Each year, the Atlantic Film Festival offers international and Canadian movies in French. From September 12-17, there is **Cinéma en français s.v.p.**, 22 showings of French movies available.

French resources at your local library

Many local libraries carry books and movies in French. You can use your library card to order French resources and have them delivered to your local branch. There is also a French

community library in the Centre Communautaire du Grand-Havre. It is open Monday and Thursday, 4-6 pm and Sunday from 10 to noon.

Centre Communautaire du Grand-Havre

The community centre in Dartmouth is open to all HRM Francophones and Francophiles. 2014-2015 programming will be announced on September 25. Many activities for parents and kids, such as badminton nights, bowling league, concerts and holiday events; *all in French!* www.cggh.ca

Radio Halifax Metro (CKRH-FM 98.50)

We have a French radio station in HRM! They have programming to suit all tastes in Francophone music. There are many options for listening to French radio in your car, at home and on the internet! You can find radio stations from all over the Francophoné. *Check it out!*

Youth Engagement and Volunteerism Workshop

HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development will be presenting a three hour workshop on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at the Hampton Inn and Suites. The workshop for CPF members and interested parties will explore how Canadian Parents for French can better engage their youth while specifically seeking to have more youth transition into voluntary roles within their chapter organizations.

HeartWood workshops utilize participatory processes and are based on the HeartWood Framework for Community Youth Development. The workshop will give participants opportunities to reflect on their current activities engaging youth within the context of the HeartWood Framework for Community Youth Development, while developing strategies and plans to shift future practices. Workshop is offered to CPF Nova Scotia delegates as part of their Conference and AGM weekend. However limited space is open to CPF members and the public wishing to attend only the workshop. Please contact Rebecca Lancaster at the Nova Scotia Branch office. **Workshop cost is \$75.**

The CPF Nova Scotia President's Banquet will take place on the evening of Saturday, September 27. CPF chapter delegates, partners and invited guests will be attending.. September 28, Sunday morning at 9am is the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is open to the public, but only members in good standing are eligible to vote.

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Chapter Development

CPF Nova Scotia is pleased to announce that Erin MacDonald will be staying on for the year as our new **Chapter Development Officer**.

Erin was a Camp Coordinator with CPF Nova Scotia in 2012 and 2014. She has a Bachelor of Arts with a major in French, and a Bachelor of Education at Université Sainte-Anne, and graduated with her teaching license. She is presently taking a Human Resources degree part-time at Saint Mary's University.

Erin will be working at revitalizing chapters and boosting member recruitment this winter. CPF Nova Scotia relies on chapters and members to organize activities in their own communities for FSL students. Active chapters retain 65% of the annual membership fee (25\$) paid in their local community. These funds are reinvested in local chapter activities in the schools such as support of the grade 7 trip to Université Sainte-Anne, awards recognizing outstanding graduating students, cultural workshops and resources in the classrooms.

Associate Member Organizations are schools, businesses and non-profits who choose to recognize the importance of bilingualism by purchasing an AMO membership (\$60). Chapters and AMOs are eligible for a \$200 cultural bursary once per school year to support an activity or event in the school or for the public that promotes French second language or bilingualism. For more information on joining as an AMO member or the CPF Nova Scotia Cultural Bursary, please contact the branch office.

CPF NOVA SCOTIA SUMMER CAMPS

The past three months have flown by. In that time, CPF Nova Scotia and chapters organized 10 camps comprising of 12 weeks of summer camp. Campers from grade primary to grade 12 were able to attend a camp during the summer ranging from day camps to international trip.

New this year, CPF Nova Scotia will send out a survey to campers and parents to evaluate the summer camp program. With the continued growth of our camps, it is important to get your feedback on how to deliver the best French camp experience possible. The survey will be sent out to members and posted on our website.

BRANCH CALENDAR

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

September 27-28: CPF Nova Scotia AGM and Conference
October 17-19: CPF National AGM and Conference, Ottawa
October 23-25: ACPI Conference
October 25: CPF Nova Scotia -ACPI Community Conference
November 1-13: Festival des Cultures Francophones, Halifax
December 22 - January 5, 2015: Office closed for holidays.

Immersion? Quoi De Neuf ACPI Community Conference

*Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia in partnership with
Association canadienne des professeurs d'immersion (ACPI)
Saturday, 25 October 2014*

Join parents, students, universities, the business community and the general public to learn more about French Second Language learning at our community conference.

The Conference will open with a panel discussion on significance and opportunities in language learning for young Canadians, hosted by Francoise Albert of the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

Workshops available: Each workshop runs consecutively. Conference participants will register for one. Limit for each workshop is 25 participants.

Workshop 1: The NS Department of Education will present opportunities available to students in French Second Language Programs (FSL), such as the DELF assessment and certificate, the Explore program, the exchange with Québec and FSL Immersion certificates. There are many exciting opportunities for high school students to pursue their language acquisition in real life situations.

Workshop 2: Hélène Deacon, Dalhousie University will be presenting on the transference of literacy skills that occurs in the brain when a student is in a FSL program. It will make you happy to know that what a child does in French influences in a very positive fashion what he or she can do in their studies in their maternal tongue.

Workshop 3: The NS Department of Education will present an overall performance review of students in the Immersion program do in Sciences and Mathematics. The presentation will include statistics and research on the equivalency of children learning Math and Sciences in French Second Language programs and in the English program.

Workshop 4: Statistics Canada has a wealth of information to share with you regarding Immersion programs in Canada and how competencies in French Second Language help a student succeed in many other facets of life, both professional and personal.

To register, visit www.eventbrite.ca > ACPI Community Conference. Event is free.

CHAPTER EVENTS

**CPF Nova Scotia would like to welcome aboard new
Chapter Executives for 2014-2015!**

Activities and events organized by CPF Chapters will be posted in our eBulletin and at ns.cpf.ca

If you are interested in joining an active chapter or would like information on starting a chapter in your local area or school, contact Erin MacDonald at cpfprograms@ns.sympatico.ca or 1-877-CPF-5233 toll free.

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