

FRENCH ON FRIDAYS!

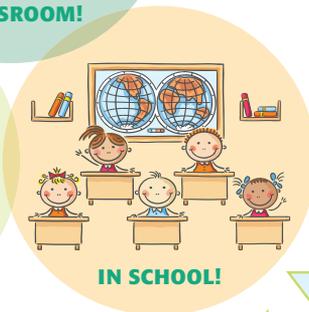
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TIPS, TOOLS AND RESOURCES

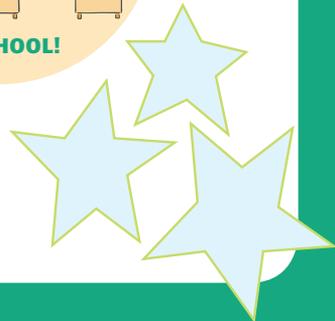
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JOIN IN THE FRENCH ON FRIDAYS CHALLENGE

CPF Nova Scotia has tips and tactics for
kids, parents and teachers
to use more French in their lives.



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Nova Scotia



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ALL ABOUT FRENCH IN NOVA SCOTIA

- Over 30,000 people speak French in our province as a first or second language.
- Each English school board in Nova Scotia has French Second language programs.
- In 2011, there were 125 French immersion schools and over 15,000 students enrolled in this program.
- There were also over 48,000 Nova Scotian students enrolled in Core French and Integrated Core French.

WHAT ABOUT FRENCH IN CANADA, AND THE WORLD?

- One in three Canadians speaks French, close to 9 million people.
- Canada is officially a bilingual country. New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province.
- There are eight million Francophones living in North America, and most are descendents of only 10,000 original French colonists.
- There are French immersion programs in every territory and province in Canada.
- Over 350,000 students across Canada are in the French immersion program.
- Approx. 200 million people speak French in more than 50 countries around the world.
- English is an official language in 45 countries and French is an official language in 33 countries.



5 REASONS WHY FRENCH IS FOR KIDS!

FSL PROGRAMS

FIVE REASONS WHY FRENCH IS FOR KIDS!

- 1 Children learn new languages faster than adults do.
- 2 Individuals who learn French as children have higher proficiency as adults.
- 3 Children who learn French expand their horizons by learning about a new culture.
- 4 Children who are proficient in French are more competitive in college and in the job market.
- 5 Learning a second language benefits children as they develop intellectually.

Learning French can increase a child's ability to speak English well. It also influences critical thinking and math skills. Another benefit is that children who have already learned one foreign language will be able to pick up another much more easily.

FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE (FSL) PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Core French is offered in all English schools from grade 4 through to grade 12. Core French is a program where French is studied and taught in regular instructional periods. The aim of Core French is to give students basic language knowledge, communication skills and an appreciation of Francophone culture.

Integrated French is offered in the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board (AVRSB), Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB), Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) and Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board (CBVRSB) from grade 7 through to grade 12. Integrated French includes a French course and a social studies course taught in French at each grade level.

French immersion is a program created for parents who would like their children to become bilingual. In Nova Scotia, there are two entry points for immersion: early immersion in grade primary and late immersion in grade 7; both programs continue to grade 12. One or both of these programs are offered in each English school board in Nova Scotia.

The goal of the French immersion program is to create bilingual graduates who are able to function comfortably in a Francophone environment.

FRENCH IMMERSION IN NOVA SCOTIA

IN 2011, FRENCH IMMERSION WAS AVAILABLE IN 62 COMMUNITIES IN NOVA SCOTIA:

- AMHERST
- ANTIGONISH
- ARCADIA
- AUBURN
- BARRINGTON PASSAGE
- BEAVER BANK
- BEDFORD
- BEECHVILLE
- BERWICK
- BRIDGEWATER
- BROOKDALE
- CAMBRIDGE
- CANNING
- CHERRY BROOK
- CLEVELAND
- COLE HARBOUR
- COXHEATH
- DARTMOUTH
- DIGBY
- EASTERN PASSAGE
- ELMSDALE
- FALL RIVER
- GAETZ BROOK
- GLENWOOD
- GREENWOOD
- HALIFAX
- HAMMONDS PLAINS
- HATCHET LAKE
- HEBBVILLE
- HEBRON
- HERRING COVE
- HUBLEY
- KENTVILLE
- KINGSTON
- LAKE ECHO
- LIVERPOOL
- LOUISDALE
- LOWER SACKVILLE
- MARGAREE HARBOUR
- MILFORD
- MILFORD STATION
- MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR
- NEW GLASGOW
- NEW MINAS
- NEWPORT
- OYSTER POND
- PICTOU
- PORT HAWKESBURY
- SHELBURNE
- ST PETER'S
- SYDNEY MINES
- SYDNEY
- THORBURN
- TIMBERLEA
- TRURO
- UPPER TANTALLON
- VALLEY
- WESTVILLE
- WEYMOUTH
- WINDSOR
- WOLFFVILLE
- YARMOUTH

30 GREAT REASONS TO LEARN FRENCH

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- 1 Language of ♥
- 2 Spoken on 5 continents
- 3 Helps you learn other languages
- 4 200 million Francophones and Francophiles
- 5 Improves interpersonal skills
- 6 French speaking Africa is an area larger than the USA
- 7 Is the second most frequently taught language in the world
- 8 Helps get better grades in Math and English
- 9 Increases brain power
- 10 Promotes a sense of achievement
- 11 Is intellectual but practical
- 12 Encourages good learning skills
- 13 Enhances knowledge of other countries
- 14 Makes traveling easier, enjoyable and enlightening
- 15 Helps to make friends in other countries
- 16 Enhances confidence
- 17 Provides enjoyment
- 18 Develops problem-solving skills
- 19 Connects the world
- 20 Develops team-building skills
- 21 Language of Diplomacy
- 22 Develops an open mind
- 23 Promotes equal opportunities
- 24 Over 20,000 English words have their origins in French
- 25 Allows you to learn more than just what you have to
- 26 Demonstrates a willingness to learn
- 27 Promotes tolerance and respect of diversity
- 28 Montreal is the 2nd largest French speaking city in the world
- 29 Creates a sense of belonging
- 30 Official language in 45 countries



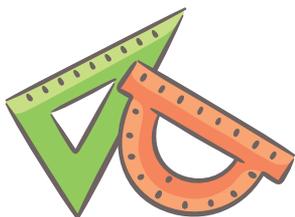
French, it's awesome! *French, c'est XLnt!*

- French is spoken by more than 250 million people in more than 40 countries in the world.
- French is an official language of the United Nations, the Olympics and the European Union.
- French and English are the official languages of Canada. French is spoken and understood by nearly 9 million people in Canada
- French is spoken and understood by over 30,000 people in Nova Scotia.



Your brain on French! *Pensez en Français!*

- French can enhance your career opportunities.
- French can help make traveling abroad more exciting.
- French can further your education opportunities.
- French opens access to more films, music and literature.
- French strengthens your vocabulary, listening and communication skills.
- French improves your level of literacy by transferring skill sets from one language to the other.
- French boosts achievement in reading and mathematics.



TIPS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Create a scrapbook in French – posters, menus, labels, etc.
- Need a note for the teacher? Have your child write it and you can sign it.
- Play board games in French.
- Write labels for things around the home; TV, dressers, chairs, etc.
- Subscribe to a French word a day website on the internet.
- Find a French class in your area. CPF Nova Scotia and its chapters have Basic French for Parents classes! Or if you are looking for more advanced classes give us a call to help you discover French courses in your area.

TIPS FOR KIDS

How to get more French into your life! Be creative! Challenge yourself and soon it won't be just on Fridays!

- Listen to the radio, TV, and music.
- Join the library and borrow books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and newspapers.
- Print off the lyrics of your favourite French songs and create a songbook.
- Create a PowerPoint or music video of your favourite song or about your favourite French music.
- Vary the types of books you read in French. Explore mystery, poetry, humour, legends, travel books, and books about other countries.
- Write notes and cards in French – to do lists, grocery lists, invitations, etc.
- Keep a diary in French.
- Keep a list of interesting French words.
- Use newspapers/magazines to collect words and pictures, and then use them to write stories, poems, and books.
- Collect the crosswords or hidden word puzzles to build your vocabulary.
- Buy board games and computer games that are bilingual. Play the French versions with your friends and family!
- Print off recipes in French and have a family cook-off!

TEACHERS:
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Teachers in Nova Scotia have a wide variety of opportunities for enrichment and learning in French.

Nova Scotia Department of Education: The Department of Education offers professional development opportunities for teachers through the Summer Institute Program.

<https://edapps.ednet.ns.ca/summersession>

French Second Language Program Services provides leadership and orientation for French second language programs in Nova Scotia public schools. dsalf.ednet.ns.ca

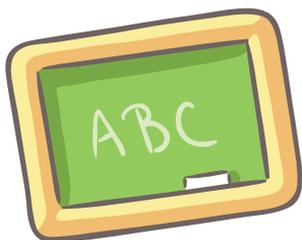
Online Professional Development for French second language teachers /Développement professionnel en ligne: The purpose of this course is to help French Teachers improve their French language skills, both oral and written.

Bursary for French Language Teachers /Programme de bourses pour le personnel enseignant en français: This bursary helps to offset course fees for certified teachers who want to take French courses in Canadian institutions.

www.fsl.ednet.ns.ca/bursaries-continuing-study#t5n23908

Université Sainte-Anne is the only French-language post-secondary institution in Nova Scotia. On all five campuses the objective is the same: to give you an edge! While their primary goal is to assure intellectual development and prepare students for the job market, they are also deeply committed to the personal growth of the students. Join them and together you'll build your success!

www.usainteanne.ca



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Outside of Nova Scotia

Linguistic Training for School and District Supervisors, Magdalen Islands, Québec: This training session provides participants with hands-on, interactive training. It is designed for supervisors wishing to develop or improve their FSL proficiency while becoming familiar with the most effective approaches in teaching and learning of a second language.
www.fsl.ednet.ns.ca/bursaries-continuing-study#t5n23908

Stage de formation français intensif, Magdalen Islands, Québec: Ce stage s'adresse au personnel enseignant désireux d'améliorer et de maintenir son niveau de langue. Les cours se tiennent dans l'avant-midi et l'après-midi est réservé aux activités sportives et culturelles.
www.fsl.ednet.ns.ca/bursaries-continuing-study#t5n23908

Summer Language Program for FSL Teachers, Shippagan, NB: This session is designed for teachers who work in the field of FSL instruction in English administered school systems. In order to fully benefit from their experience, participants must be fluent in French. They must also make a commitment to speak only French throughout their stay.
www.fsl.ednet.ns.ca/bursaries-continuing-study#t5n23908

Summer University for FSL Teachers/Université d'été pour les enseignant(e)s: The University of Ottawa's Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) is offering summer professional development workshops for FSL elementary and secondary teachers of Core French, Extended French, Intensive French and Immersion. This program is open to all Canadian teachers and also to teachers from abroad. / L'Institut des langues officielles et du bilinguisme de l'Université d'Ottawa (ILOB) vous présentera encore cette année des ateliers de perfectionnement professionnel pour des enseignant(e)s du primaire et du secondaire, du FLS, en français de base, en français enrichi (« extended »), en immersion française et en français intensif. Cette formation est ouverte à tous les enseignants canadiens et étrangers.
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CREATING A SCHOOL CULTURE

The goal of French on Fridays is to create and nurture a school culture that includes and supports the goals of the French immersion program. Here are some strategies that may be considered in creating a supportive school culture.

- Use French as a language of communication on Friday! By using French in the school, it helps make the language real for immersion students and the entire school community. Encourage staff to be role models and speak French on Fridays to students and each other.
- Recruit students, teachers and staff to deliver school announcements on the PA on Fridays. Use volunteers on a rotating basis so that everyone can try out their French.
- Use French at school assemblies and events. When singing “O Canada” in school, include the French lyrics with the English.
- Create a French ambiance in the school by having bilingual signs, displays of students’ work, and notices in French.
- On Friday, play French music, tune into a French radio station, or arrange for a French concert over the lunch hour.
- Keep a list of francophone holidays; add them to the school’s calendar. Get involved in local Francophone events and promote them to students and their families. Plan field trips to museums and local sites where the tour can be given in French either by a guide or one of the teachers.
- Start a French reading program using older immersion students and French-speaking volunteers.
- Create a partnership with a local Francophone radio. Encourage students to volunteer at the station or participate on the air.
- Encourage students to have French clubs at school such as a book club, movie club, board games or have lunchtime sports in the gym in French on Fridays.
- Review the resources in the library. Are there books, magazines and reference materials available in French? How about French software, educational games and and bookmarks of French web sites?



INTERNET RESOURCES

French pronunciation: www.audiofrench.com

Vocabulary, grammar, readings: www.languageguide.org/french

Vocabulary, pronunciation, spelling, verbs: www.digitaldialects.com/French.htm

Proofreading resources: www.bonpatron.com

Fun and games in French for elementary students:

www.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/petits

www.cpf.ca/en/resources/for-students/games

www.fslactivites.ca

www.caslt.org/resources/french-sl/classroom-resources-flash_games_en.php

For older students

www.onf.ca

www.onfjeunesse.ca

Webcasts and podcasts

Looking for free resources on a wide variety of topics, type “learning French” into the iTunes store, YouTube or your favourite browser.



THE FRENCH-SECOND-LANGUAGE (FSL) PARTNER NETWORK

Canadian Parents for French is a proud representative and founding member of the FSL Partner Network. The Network is made up of six organizations working to promote and advocate for FSL education for youth in Canada.

- Canadian Association of Immersion Teachers (ACPI/CAIT): www.acpi.ca
- Canadian Association of Second-Language Teachers (CASLT/ACPLS): www.caslt.org
- French for the Future: www.french-future.org
- Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC): www.sevec.ca
- Canadian Youth for French (FSL Partner Network observer status): www.youthforfrench.ca

In Nova Scotia, Canadian Parents for French works with many educational partners. These partners offer French courses, activities and events for everyone.

Alliance Française: www.afhalifax.ca

A not-for-profit organization, the Alliance Française is dedicated to promoting the use of French and the appreciation of cultures that share the French language in their common heritage. Established in 1903 with approximately 1,000 students and members currently enrolled, it operates as a cultural centre and language school in the Greater Halifax Area.

Centre Communautaire du Grand Havre www.ccggh.ca

The Community Council of the Grand-Havre (CCGH) has worked in the metropolitan area of Halifax for several years. The CCGH acts as community hub for francophones in the Halifax Regional Municipality, in developing partnerships, and the dissemination of information. Each year, the CCGH develops and offers activities, events, programs and services to the francophone community. The Council manages several teams involved in programming, employment assistance and services for the use of the local community.



Conseil scolaire acadien provincial www.csap.ednet.ns.ca

The Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) is the only French School Board in Nova Scotia. The CSAP serves the entire province, with its twenty-one schools. It offers a quality education in French language first to the population of Acadian origin and other francophones residing in Nova Scotia.

FÉCANE, La Fédération culturelle acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse www.fecane.ca

FÉCANE is the francophone partner of GénieArts Nouvelle-Écosse that subsidize these projects in francophone secondary schools and secondary schools offering French as a second language (FLS) programs in Nova Scotia. FÉCANE has been supporting ArtsSmarts projects since its first pilot phase in September 2009. FÉCANE's mission is to support and promote the development of Acadian arts and culture in Nova Scotia.

GenieArts Nouvelle-Ecosse www.genieartsnouvelleechosse.ca

GénieArts Nouvelle-Écosse is a provincial program that gives schools and communities the chance to integrate artistic activities into their curriculum and gives students the chance to develop their critical thinking skills through dynamic participation in the arts. The projects developed by GénieArts are the result of collaboration between an artist and teacher with the goal of integrating the arts into the academic curriculum. These projects explore different art forms: music, visual arts, writing, theatre, film, dance, etc.

Radio Halifax Métro www.ckrhfm.ca

One of the francophone media stations available to the French and Acadian community in the Atlantic region, and the only French community radio station in Halifax regional municipality.

Université Sainte-Anne www.usainteanne.ca

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CPF Nova Scotia Branch Office works with the Department of Education, teacher organizations, and other groups concerned about education to ensure that there is support for French second language education.

CPF Nova Scotia organizes French language activities for students from across the province.

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