

♥♥♥♥ Le Français Intensif ♥♥♥♥

Mme _____

École _____

5e année

Chers parents,

Division 8 students have worked very hard to acquire a level of comprehension and speaking ability that enables them to communicate their basic needs in French. Most students are now able to respond to specific questions, using prompts from me and the many visual cues visible in the classroom.

Coming up: Our next theme involves increasing their repertoire of structures and adding adjectives so they can describe people and objects. The first mini-project will be to create written profiles of various staff members. This will be followed by a larger project on students' families culminating in a presentation of a family album. In order to prepare for this, **students need to bring photos of various family members in a zip lock bag** (mum, dad, siblings, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, AND family pets!!) Individual photos would be best, but group photos will do. If you are concerned about the photos being handled or cut, just write 'return please' on the zip lock bag. I will have the photos photocopied and students will work from the copies. **** please send** a roll of scotch tape (the stronger type) to school (for an art project)

C.D.s: On October 21, our school will host a concert by 'Jacquot', a well-known children's singer. He does offer his CDs for sale at an amazing price. (\$6 each). Attached is an information/order form. If we get orders for 30 or more, I would be happy to process them for you. Make cheques payable to _____ School. (cheques preferred but I will take cash.... No change available) If we do not receive orders for 30 CDs I will return your money to you.

Planners: We are still waiting for our planners to arrive.

Absences: In ICF we cover a lot of material in one day. If at all possible, unless your child is sick (by all means, keep them home then!!), please ensure your child doesn't miss school.

Books in English: Attached to this notice is a copy of a recent children's books review in the Globe and Mail newspaper. These may give you ideas for birthday, Christmas or other celebration gifts.

Books in French: Vancouver Kids Bookstore has a selection.

Donations: As the students speak French and encourage each other, they receive tickets that they keep in their 'wallet' in their desk. Once each week the tickets go into a jar and we draw for prizes. (stickers, small note pads, dollar store items) If you have any **small** items that you could donate as prizes, we would appreciate it.

Supporting your child's learning: Most parents do not speak French and feel they can do little to support their child in their French learning. There are actually many things you can do to help them, especially around valuing their efforts. Here is a list of a few things you can do.

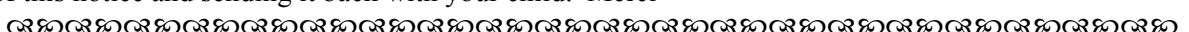
- ✓ Encourage your child to talk about his/her day.... The highlights, the challenges
- ✓ Have your child explain their homework to you and express an interest in what they're doing. Make sure their homework/studying is done before you sign their planner
- ✓ Encourage your child to watch T.V. in French (see list on the back). Even watching the news (cable 7) for 10 minutes (max) each evening can be worthwhile. They will likely not understand the words but with your help they would likely understand the main idea by looking at the photos and video clips that accompany the stories. With regular watching, they will begin to pick up key words. Many of the programs suggested on the list below are shown at odd times however they can certainly be recorded.

Assessment: Your child will soon bring home his/her first instalment of their assessment portfolio. Please have your child explain each item to you. Please sign the paper and have your child return the portfolio to class. Most assessments will be presented in the same terms used for formal reporting. These are their French corresponding descriptors.

Not yet meeting expectations	Approaching expectations	Fully meeting expectations	Exceeding expectations
Pas très bien	Comme ci comme ça	Très bien / Bien	Superbe

Observations: If you are interested in seeing how we work in class, please feel free to come into the classroom. Mornings are best.

Help!! We are receiving materials/books every week which must be labelled and processed before being put into student circulation. If you are able to help out in this area, please indicate by completing the lower portion of this notice and sending it back with your child. Merci



I can help out!!!

Name _____

Child's name _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Days available

	lundi	mardi	mercredi	jeudi	vendredi
a.m.					
p.m.					

French Television information

Even if you don't speak or understand French, you can help your child by watching along with them and discussing the things that you can glean from these programs. Some children focus on the music, others on the gestures and actions, others on illustrations or photos.

Channel	Program	time	
'TV5' on cable 59	Zavevu	4h or 5h	Needs to be taped. It's out of a station on a different time Zone
'TV5' on cable 59	Va savoir RE7	Saturday between 6h-8h	"
'TV5' on cable 59	Paroles de clip	Monday 11h15 Thursday 12h45	
Radio Canada Cable 7	Sagwa	Sunday 8h30	
Radio Canada Cable 7	Cartoons	Sat & Sun between 9h - 12h	Cartoons are often very difficult to understand
RDI Cable 70	RDI Junior	15h15	10 minutes, no ads, news stories geared for 9-12 year olds
RDI Cable 70	30 millions d'amis	Sat 9h30 & 12h30 Sun 7h30	Animal theme

This list has just been passed on to me so I haven't yet had the chance to watch them. I would appreciate your feedback on these suggestions. Let us know how your children react to them and whether you feel these are appropriate programs.

Parents can also sign up to Radio Canada's **Cyberlettre** You would receive an e-mail each week outlining the latest items in the YOUTH ZONE on Radio Canada. There are games and activities available there too. To sign up, go to

www.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse **Bonne Chance!!**

