



June 22, 2010

French Immersion Updates

Dear French Immersion Parents,

Bonjour! We are pleased to provide you with many exciting updates regarding French Immersion at our school. Please spread this good news with other parents and members of the community:

1. French Immersion Performance Assembly – Thursday, June 24

All family and friends are invited to our French Immersion Performance Assembly at 1:00 p.m. this Thursday in the gymnasium. See you there!

2. Grade One Registrations - 28

To date, we have received 28 grade one registrations for next year. As you can imagine, we are thrilled with the interest shown in our program. We welcome all new students to French Immersion.

3. Mme Hardy & Mme Reynolds

Please join me in welcoming back Mme Hardy as she will return (on a part-time basis) to our French Immersion team in January, 2011. Mme Hardy will be working with small groups of children from January to June to enhance our French Immersion Literacy program at the grade 1-2 level. We'd like to thank Mme Reynolds for all her hard work and dedication to our grade one French Immersion classroom this year.

4. Farewell to our Grade 4's and 5's

Farewell to our current grade 4 and 5 students as they move forward in their journey at Deer Meadow School. We thank you for your leadership in our program! Thanks also to Mme Atkins, parents, and grade 5 students for representing Olds Elementary in Quebec last month ☺

5. 2010-2011 Grade Configurations

Grade 1 – Mlle Keith (23 students)

Grade 1/2 – Mlle Tulloch (24 students)

Grade 3/4 – Mme Atkins (23 students)

Did You Know? French Immersion students in grades 1-2 receive instruction in French for 90% of the day. Students in grades 3-4 receive instruction in French for 80% as they are introduced to English Language Arts.

6. Kindergarten Classes for 2010-2011

For kindergarten students planning to enter French Immersion in grade one, we are pleased to, once again, offer French kindergarten classes every few days. We also invite these students to celebrations hosted by French Immersion classes in our school.

7. Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

We extend many thanks to our local chapter of CPF for your ongoing support of our program. Parents wishing to join in the fun can do so by contacting Dr. Shauna Craven at 556-6774. (Also, check out the CPF Quilt Auction and Raffle taking place at our school this week.)

As our school year draws to a close, we would like to extend a huge thank you to our French Immersion students, parents, and staff for a wonderful year at École Olds Elementary School. In the event that you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 556-8477.

Have a terrific summer holiday!

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