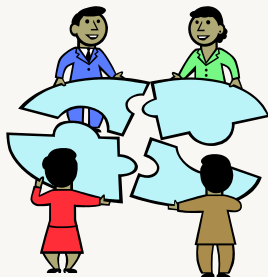


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# FSLAC NEWS

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## Registration Deadlines for Extended/Immersion French

Grade 4 Entry: Junior Extended and Middle Immersion application process

- Opened - November 4, 2013
- Closes – December 5, 2013

Senior Kindergarten French Immersion and Grade 7 Extended application process

- Opens – January 6, 2014
- Closes – January 30, 2014

Note: Registration is for entry in September 2014.

Applications are done on PARS (on-line) – except for Grade 7 Extended which will be a paper process as in the past.

Information night and application information is posted on the French Programs page at: [www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SchoolChoices/FrenchPrograms.aspx](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SchoolChoices/FrenchPrograms.aspx)

## Salon du Livre Dec 4-7

The annual French book fair is coming to the Toronto Reference Library at 789 Yonge St.

Activities on Saturday, Dec 7 from 9-11:30 am include Gèronimo Stilton and Mini-TFO(<http://www1.tfo.org/mini/>). Authors and publishers will be there from Dec 4-7 to showcase their books.

Entrance is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, free for youngsters. Details here: [www.salondulivredetoronto.ca/](http://www.salondulivredetoronto.ca/)

## Welcome to our New FSL Coordinator

Welcome Kirsten Johnston, our new TDSB FSL Program Coordinator! As a French Immersion graduate, Kirsten will bring both personal experience and years of work experience as an FSL Instructional Leader to her new role.

Look for more information about Kirsten in our “Awesome Graduate Story” coming in our next FSLAC newsletter before March break.

## Let's Get Connected – Share this Newsletter

Help us get connected with parents across the TDSB: share this email with your own network, post the newsletter in your school or community meeting place, ask us a question or send us your feedback.

Are you looking for some information on French as a Second (Official) Language? Let us know at [fslactoronto@gmail.com](mailto:fslactoronto@gmail.com) and we will do our best to write about it in a future newsletter.

And...check out our bright and beautiful new webpage: [www.tdsb.on.ca/fslac](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/fslac) . Our meeting dates, minutes, reports, newsletters and important links to FSL resources are there for you.

## Check out French eBooks from the Toronto Public Library!

[www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) has eBooks for kids in French. On the TPL homepage, click on 'Download & eBooks', then under 'OverDrive eBooks and eAudiobooks', click on the red bar 'Access Online'. Up top, in the header, click on 'Children Fiction'. Then, on the left hand side, click on 'Language' and finally 'French' and you have arrived.

You will need your library card to download and here are the basics about downloading:

[www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/downloads-ebooks/ebooks-userguides.jsp](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/downloads-ebooks/ebooks-userguides.jsp) .

For now, there are 151 titles, but the selection is going to grow as demand grows. Busy parent bonus: no late fines – the items just delete themselves on the due date.

## Have you got your LearnMark?

LearnMarks are available now from your school librarian and are probably in your child's backpack! These handy bookmarks give you the passwords to access on-line resources from home that are provided by the TDSB in French and English.

## Looking for a tech term or just a word- check out these apps!

The federal government's Language Portal has a **free** app for up-to-date terminology in English and French: [noslangues-ourlanguages.gc.ca/app-mobile-eng.html](http://noslangues-ourlanguages.gc.ca/app-mobile-eng.html)

For **free** dictionary apps: [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

Both types require internet connection for use.

## University or College Questions?

Check out post-secondary opportunities in French at: [www.ocol-clo.gc.ca/twolanguages\\_deuxlangues](http://www.ocol-clo.gc.ca/twolanguages_deuxlangues)

These Ontario French colleges welcome French program grads: [www.collegeboreal.ca](http://www.collegeboreal.ca) , [www.collegelacite.ca](http://www.collegelacite.ca)

## You are invited!

Parents, students, trustees, teachers and staff are invited to attend and participate in FSLAC meetings. Meetings start at 7 pm at the TDSB offices at 5050 Yonge St., ground floor.

Meeting notices, reports, newsletters and minutes are posted on the TDSB website: [www.tdsb.on.ca/fslac](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/fslac) .

Upcoming meetings: Jan 9, Feb 20, April 10, 2014.

## CPF Symposium Highlights

This year's Canadian Parents for French Ontario ([on.cpf.ca](http://on.cpf.ca) ) Symposium (October 26) began with a very informative key note address by Ontario's French Language Services Commissioner, François Boileau. He explained the impact of the French Services Act in Ontario and then signed a partnership agreement with CPF to work together to promote and support the use of French in Ontario.

Next up was a panel discussion featuring Ministry of Education FSL officials who introduced the new FSL Framework and Curriculum ([www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/amenagement/fls.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/amenagement/fls.html) ). These are the foundational documents that will guide FSL education for the next 10 years and beyond.

Extensive collaboration with stakeholders, including CPF, contributed to the development of these documents and the 3 main goals:

- 1.increase student confidence, proficiency and achievement in FSL.
- 2.increase the percentage of students studying FSL until graduation.
- 3.increase student, educator, parent and community engagement in FSL.

Getting a head start on goal #3 was the second panel "Leaders of FSLACs". Featured were our very own John Tancredi, TDSB Central Coordinating Principal, Teaching and Learning, and Kristina Laperle, FSLAC Parent Co-chair, as well as a CPF Ontario board member. The panelists discussed the benefits and challenges of FSLACs and how important FSL parent engagement is at the school board level.

Workshops were offered on: the use of the DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française/Diploma for French Studies) in Ontario, International Student exchanges, Retention in FSL to grade 12 and beyond, and collaboration strategies for the classroom and at home.

The day was capped off with a banquet honouring John Tancredi with the McGillivray Award for his leadership in bilingual education, and Elmlea, Hilltop and now Richview CI parent Janet Holtham with the Mlacak award for her outstanding contributions as a parent volunteer with CPF.

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