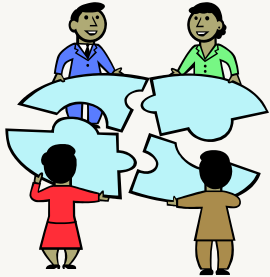


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FSLAC NEWS

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Summer Fun in French

The Toronto Public Library is offering **FREE** French activities at branches across the city. Contact your local branch for details and check here: www.tpl.ca/frenchprograms

TD Summer Reading Club, English information is here: www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/
French book suggestions are here: www.clubdelecturetd.ca/ Sign up at your local library.

Celebrate Bastille Day in Toronto at Wychwood Barns on July 13:
consulfrance-toronto.org/spip.php?article3277

Summer Camp Listing
on.cpf.ca/activities/youth-activities/french-bilingual-camps/

Summer Language Experiences and Excursions
on.cpf.ca/activities/youth-activities/exchanges-excursions/
on.cpf.ca/wp-content/blogs.dir/1/files/2015-Summer-Fun-in-French.pdf

Free TDSB Summer School in French

Elementary Summer School TDSB:
www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/ElementarySummerSchool.aspx

Secondary Summer School TDSB:
www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/NightSchoolandSummerSchool.aspx
schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/elearning/e-SummerSchool.aspx

Franco-Fête July 10-24 Yonge – Dundas Square

Help your kids use their French over the summer right here in Toronto. This year's French music and culture festival is part of the Pan Am Games and will feature Francophone artists from across Canada and beyond. Just about every style of music for all ages will be on stage – from jazz to pop to Brazilian to hip hop to indie folk.

These **FREE** concerts and activities will be from July 10-24 at Yonge-Dundas Square. The full program will be available soon (in English and French)
www.franco-fete.ca

Celebrating Champlain

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Champlain in Ontario.

Participate in the #FindYourChamplain #TrouveTonChamplain #Champlain1615 contest. Publish a creative entry like a selfie, a video or a photo involving Champlain on social media and submit it to the contest website. You could win an Apple watch. Rules here (for English scroll to the bottom):
ontario400.ca/reglement-trouvetonchamplain-findyourchamplain/

Local tip: check out historical plaques on the Humber River (subway stop: Old Mill)
torontoplaques.com/Pages/Samuel_de_Champlain.html

July 31-August 2: Penetanguishene on Georgian Bay is hosting Rendez-vous Champlain. Activities include Francophone and Aboriginal performances and demonstrations on building birch bark canoes and the fur trade. Details here: rendezvouschamplain.ca/

Parents ask ...

We are hearing about the DELF – what's it all about?

The rumours are true. TDSB students are volunteering to take an extra French exam!

With the support of the Ministry of Education, the DELF (Diplôme d'études de langue française) has now been written by 75 grade 12 students over the last two years. The DELF is the internationally used and recognized test of French proficiency, similar to English ones, like TOEFL. Students are tested on listening, reading, writing and speaking skills by examiners who have been specially trained and accredited to assess the students. Students select the level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) they wish to challenge and if they pass, they are given a certificate showing their achievement. This certificate can be used to establish how bilingual they are when applying to post-secondary programs and/or to jobs. We now have 30 TDSB French teachers who are certified correcteurs (examiners).

CEFR and DELF basic info is here:
on.cpf.ca/resources/for-parents/cefr-and-delf/

The Ministry of Education research report on students taking the DELF is here:
www.edugains.ca/resourcesFSL/PDF/Research/Synopsiss_FINAL-1.pdf

Info about the DELF across Canada is here:
www.acpi.ca/documents/Delf_anglais.pdf

Car Rides and Rainy Days

French radio stations: 860 AM, 90.3 FM, 105.1 FM

French TV: SRC (French CBC) – Rogers 12, Bell 112; TFO (Ontario educational) – Rogers 13, Bell 137; TV5 (France/Canada) – Rogers 103, Bell 145; TVA (Montreal) – Rogers 95, Bell 115

DVDs – select the French language option. Or, watch a French movie with the French subtitles on to catch all of the vocabulary.

Save the dates!

Parents, students, trustees, teachers and staff are invited to attend and participate in FSLAC meetings. The Board's mission for the FSLAC is: "to consult with and advise the Board on French as a Second Language matters. As a Board community advisory committee, the FSLAC will contribute to the work of trustees and staff. This partnership of trustees, staff and parents will foster excellence and growth in FSL programs at the Board."

Meetings start at 7 pm at the TDSB offices at 5050 Yonge St., ground floor. FSLAC information is posted on the TDSB website: www.tdsb.on.ca/fslac. Upcoming meetings are: Sept 24, Oct 27, Nov 24, 2015

New Immersion/Extended Sites

In September 2015, Earl Haig will have a new senior kindergarten French Immersion program. Cliffside, Dundas and Forest Hill will have new grade 4 Extended French programs. Overall, 5119 students are entering Immersion/Extended French programs this fall, up from 5081 in 2014. Total enrolment in Immersion/Extended French programs from SK to grade 12 is 26 156. The annual reports on enrolment in Immersion/Extended French are available here: www.tdsb.on.ca/fslac under 'Staff Reports, Memos, Briefing Notes'.

LTPAS

The Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy (LTPAS) is a work plan for a series of studies being done by the TDSB across the city to manage growth and declining enrolment in elementary and secondary schools. There are 5 types of studies: Program Area Review (PART), Emerging Capital Priority Project, Pupil Accommodation Review (PARC), Boundary Change Study and Program Priorities Study. All proposed studies that could potentially involve new French Immersion/Extended programs are in Tab 9, pages 77-79. Tab 11, pages 93-128, lists the studies by ward. Ministry rated capacities and projections are included for every school in the TDSB. More information about the Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy and the full report for 2015-2024 are posted here
www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/StrategyPlanning/LongTermProgramandAccommodationStrategy.aspx

Festival and Concours d'art Oratoire

Core, Extended and Immersion French grade 4-12 students from across the TDSB participated in the annual French public speaking festival and competition. The event is sponsored by Canadian Parents for French in partnership with the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association. Six board wide competitions took place during the spring and 62 finalists went on to compete in the provincial finals at Glendon College on May 9th.

Congratulations to secondary school competitors: Northern Secondary School students Zoe Bernichhia-Freeman who placed 1st in the grade 9-10 Francophone division and Catherine Chen who placed 2nd in the grade 9-10 Immersion division and Agincourt CI student Mohammad Yousaf who placed 2nd in the grade 11-12 Extended division. on.cpf.ca/activities/youth-activities/ontario-concours-et-festival-dart-oratoire/

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