

CPF Presents:

## Frenchapalooza!

**A Festival of French for Everyone**

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 6:30pm to 8:00pm

St Eugene Elementary School, 120 Parkdale Ave S, Hamilton

Ample parking, access from Queenston Rd

*A FREE extravaganza for all families of French Immersion students from Kindergarten to Grade Four  
Children's entertainment, tips & resources for parents, French book sale*

### Parent Information Sessions

Tips and resources to help your child succeed in French Immersion:

- **French Materials at the Hamilton Public Library**  
Kathleen Shannon – Youth Services Librarian
- **Helping with Homework when you don't Speak French**  
Christine Rees – FSL Consultant Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- **Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)**  
Betty Gormley – Executive Director, CPF Ontario
- **French Resources and Activities outside of School**  
Rosalind Minaji – CPF Hamilton

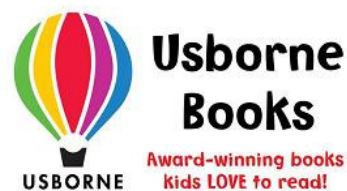


### French Book Sale

French materials for students: Usborne Books will provide a wide variety of engaging **elementary French language material for sale** including French dictionaries, nonfiction, fiction for younger readers, activity books, flashcards, and more.

They will accept cash, Visa, and Mastercard. Preview the materials at:

[www.usborneonline.ca/denise](http://www.usborneonline.ca/denise)



### Children's Entertainment

While parents are in the library, kids will be entertained in the gym by staff from Les Petites Pommes Camp and students from the McMaster University French Club. **French language games and activities** will keep them occupied while you learn.



### CPF Ontario Fiction Contest

**Is your child creative? Do they enjoy story-telling? Do they like to write for fun?**

If so, encourage them to participate in the CPF Ontario *French Fiction is Fun* event, a French creative writing competition.

**For students in grades 1 – 8:** the first place winner from each level will receive a fun-filled prize package and their work will be showcased on CPF Ontario's website.

**For students in grades 9 – 11 (14 to 17 years old):** entrants have a chance to win one all-inclusive trip to Ottawa to attend a week-long *Encounters with Canada Youth Forum* (valued at \$625).

The writing must be entirely in French and an original work of poetry or prose created solely by the participant. The theme, style, and format of the submission is up to you, so be creative and have fun! The contest is open to all Ontario students in English schools studying French as a Second Language. The deadline is March 31, 2012. Visit CPF Ontario at [www.cpfont.on.ca](http://www.cpfont.on.ca) for more details.





## Les Petites Pommes March Break Camp

Les Petites Pommes camps provide an environment where your child can grow, develop critical thinking abilities, and have fun in French!

In partnership with CPF, Les Petites Pommes is happy to offer **March Break Camp!**

**Dates:** March 12-16<sup>th</sup>    **Location:** Lawfield Elementary School

Please visit the web site for more details and to register:

[lespetitespommes.ca](http://lespetitespommes.ca)

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## Public School Board French Immersion Review Update

In January, members of the public were invited to comment on the following two issues regarding the French Immersion program in the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) by completing an on-line survey, by sending written correspondence by email or regular mail, and by attending an in-person consultation. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the trustees voted.

Here are the results:

### Change to Starting Point for FI

The entry point of French Immersion has shifted from senior kindergarten to Grade 1. This change will be phased in as the board implements their full day kindergarten program in all schools by 2014. CPF Hamilton Wentworth opposes this change and delegated to the Board on December 12, as well as submitting written comments on January 9. Unfortunately the Board of Trustees approved it on the basis of their budgetary shortfall.

Where space permits, French Immersion senior kindergarten will continue to be offered in some schools prior to the implementation of full day kindergarten. This will be re-evaluated on a yearly basis. HWDSB is currently working on a list of schools offering senior kindergarten for September 2012.

HWDSB's Out-of-Catchment rules will apply to all French Immersion sites. Junior/senior kindergarten students will attend their home school unless there is space in their French Immersion school through the Out-of-Catchment process. This will be determined after June 15. Spaces will be allocated to siblings first, then to lottery. The remaining spots will be filled in September.

### Creation of New Single Track FI School in Binbrook

The HWDSB will be moving forward on plans to establish a new single track FI school. The site is the current Bellmoore School site on Highway 56. The establishment of the new FI program is intended to provide much needed enrolment relief at Lawfield School along with the opportunity to provide FI closer to home for students from the Glanbrook/Binbrook communities of Hamilton.

All FI students from Lawfield who live in the proposed FI boundary will attend the new school at the Bellmoore site at Highway 56. Without this change there is insufficient space at Lawfield School to accommodate all students living within the boundaries of Lawfield on site in 2012/2013.

The long-term strategies and implementation plan for French Immersion accommodation, transportation and programming are still to be revealed. Watch the CPF web site to stay up-to-date.



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## We're on Facebook and Twitter!



In addition to our **updated website** [www.CPFHamilton.ca](http://www.CPFHamilton.ca), we are now on Facebook and Twitter. You will find: news and resources for French Immersion families, tips and ideas for supporting your child's French language learning. Most of all, we want to hear from you, so be sure to say hi and give your feedback!

**Facebook:** CPFHamilton

**Twitter:** @cpfhamilton

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## Want to get involved?

Do you support and value the activities, promotion and advocacy that Canadian Parents for French provides for Hamilton's FI program? **IF YOU DO, then please help sustain our Chapter by becoming a member!**