

Bienvenue!

French Immersion at South Delta Secondary School

The French Immersion Program at South Delta Secondary School offers students the opportunity to complete a variety of Language, Social Studies, and Science courses that earn credits toward the completion of a Double Dogwood Diploma at the end of Grade 12.



Message from M. Donaldson

Greetings, and welcome to another year of French Immersion at South Delta! The 2016-17 school year promises to be an exciting year for us all, with new faces joining our department, and a number of new provincial and school-based initiatives that are already having a positive impact on our French Immersion program.

On behalf of the department, I would like to formally welcome two new members of to our French Immersion family: Mme Turgeon, and M. Waymouth. This year, we also welcome Mme MacGregor back from maternity leave. Bienvenue à vous tous!

The 2016-17 school year marks the official implementation of the revised provincial curriculum from Kindergarten through Grade 9. Changes to the Grade 10-12 curriculum will be seen in 2017-18. For French Immersion students, these changes can be seen in similar themes and big ideas being explored in different subject areas, allowing students to make connections between topics explored in their Immersion classes and in their English-language courses.

South Delta Secondary has also implemented Flex Time this year as an opportunity for students to take greater ownership of their own learning. Students now have more opportunities to collaborate with classmates and meet with their teachers outside of class time for projects, catching up on missed work, or reinforcing their understanding.

This newsletter contains a variety of useful articles and links for French Immersion families. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns about French Immersion at South Delta. Have a great year!

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Concours d'Art Oratoire

In May every year, Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Branch hosts the Provincial Concours d'art oratoire. Prizes for provincial participants and winners include university scholarships, trips to Ottawa, books, medals, and merchandise.

Teachers at South Delta Secondary often organize school-based activities relating to Concours d'art oratoire beginning in January/February, as the task of developing a topic, writing and refining a speech, and committing it to memory is a complex undertaking. Many South Delta students have gone on to compete with great success at the District and Provincial levels of Concours.

Please contact your child's Français Langue teacher to learn more about Concours-related activities planned for your child's class this school year.

For further information, please visit the official [Concours d'art oratoire](#) website for the BC & Yukon Branch of Canadian Parents for French



CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Canadian Parents for French is a national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

The Delta chapter of CPF meets at Delta Manor in Ladner in the "French Corner" Room at 4750-57th St Ladner.

Contact cpfdelta@gmail.com or visit their [Facebook](#) page for more information.

Diplôme d'étude en langue française - DELF

The DELF language proficiency assessment offers students the opportunity to gain an internationally recognized, non-expiring diploma indicating their competency and proficiency with the French language.

One of the biggest advantages of the DELF diploma exams are that they are based on the *Common European Framework of Reference*, which means that a BC student who passes the B1 exam would be recognized internationally as having achieved the B1 level of proficiency.

The DELF diploma exam is independent from the BC school system and is not a mandatory exam. The District provides an opportunity for current students to sit the exam in April, and the BC Ministry of Education offers four external credits per test, which do not impact student GPA. Please contact [Susan Jeffery](#), Delta's Modern Languages Coordinator, for further information, and visit [The French Corner](#) for more DELF and CEFR links.

Student Exchange Opportunities

The BC – Quebec Exchange Program

The BC Ministry of Education has partnered with the Province of Quebec to offer an exchange opportunity open to grade 10 and 11 French Immersion and Francophone program students.

Student's applications must be submitted in grade 9 or 10 to go on exchange in grade 10 or 11, the following year.

- Each participant is paired with a student from Quebec in the spring of the application year
- In the fall of the exchange year, BC students and their families welcome the Quebec students into their homes for three months. The BC and Quebec students attend school and participate in local activities together, but are in different classes.
- In late January, the BC students travel to Quebec and spend three months living with the Quebec students and their families, attending school, and experiencing Quebecois culture.

Please visit the Ministry's Exchange Program [website](#) for additional information.

Please be advised that South Delta Secondary does not currently have a sponsor teacher for this program. Please contact [M. Donaldson](#) if this exchange opportunity is of interest.

Organisation de Séjours Educatifs Francophones – OSEF

OSEF is an external association based in Belgium that promotes linguistic and cultural exchanges between France, Belgium, Spain, and Canada.

Exchange opportunities include one-month summer exchange / home stay programs, and 9- and 11-week school exchanges.

Recruitment for exchange programs occurs between September and December each year.

Please visit OSEF's [website](#) for further information.



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