

CPF - Vancouver North Newsletter

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CONTESTS:

Concours d'Art Oratoire

CPF's *Concours d'Art Oratoire* is a French public speaking competition that helps elementary and secondary students to develop writing, reading, and public speaking skills. Preparations for this year's *Concours* are now underway! Registration for the provincial *Concours* begins **February 14th, 2011** and closes **April 15th, 2011**.

Detailed information about deadlines, rules, and prizes can be found on our website at: <http://cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/events/concours-dart-oratoire>

CPF relies on the volunteer efforts of parents, students, and French-speaking judges to help make *Concours* happen. If you can contribute some time to this fantastic learning opportunity, please contact Concours Coordinator, [Erika Rosales](#).

French Writing Contest for Secondary Students

Canadian Parents for French and l'Association de la presse francophone are teaming up to bring you the *Français pour mon succès 2011* contest. If you are a student in grade 7-9, like French, and want a shot at becoming a published author, then this is the contest for you! Why do you think learning French is an asset for your future? How can learning French be a pathway to success, whether in school, work or life in general? To take part in the contest, answer these questions in an article of 250 - 300 words.

One grand prize winner from each of four regional categories will be selected, and their writing will appear in participating French-language newspapers across the country. All participants will also be entered in a draw to win a package of French-language supplies. The deadline is **February 22, 2011**. Details are posted at: <http://cpf.bc.ca/site3/index.php/students/contests>

Begbie History Competition for Secondary Students Offers \$1000 Awards

The aim of the Begbie Canadian History competition is to provide students with an opportunity to test their skills in history against those of other students from across Canada. The contest's emphasis is on using critical thinking skills to evaluate primary sources such as political cartoons, paintings, posters, graphs, maps, statistics, songs, speeches, diaries, letters, newspaper articles, and memoirs. The contest questions are based on major events in Canadian history from 1850 to the present. There is one prize of \$1000 for every 250 entrants.

Students may participate in French or English versions of the contest. The deadline for entries is March 10,

2011. The contest date is April 13, 2011. For more information, please visit: [http://](http://begbiecontestsociety.org/)

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EVENTS:

Will Stroet Performs in Delta, BC

Will Stroet is a two-time Western Canadian Music Award nominee who connects with kids through high-energy, interactive and educational music in English and French. He will be giving a performance for primary and pre-school children in **Delta, BC**, on **January 15 & 16**. The show is being sponsored by CPF-Delta and tickets are only \$3! Tickets can be purchased at Ecole Ladner Elementary, Ecole Cliff Drive Elementary, Ecole Richardson Elementary, Ecole Chalmers Elementary, McFrugals Discount Outlet, or Esquires Coffee House. Please see the attached poster for the contact information of each location.

Art Richard Launches 2011 Tour

Art Richard offers interactive French musical shows for elementary school audiences. He will begin a tour in February, 2011, and is accepting bookings. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR CPF MEMBERS:

Special Offer from BonPatron Pro

BonPatronPro is an online tool that helps correct French grammar and spelling while teaching students how to improve their written French. BonPatronPro is now available to CPF member families for just \$9.99 per year — a 33% discount!

BonPatron was developed in Canada for second-language learners. To learn more, go to www.bonpatron.com and click “more information” and then click “show an example.”

To take advantage of this special offer, go to: <http://pro.bonpatron.com/promo/?pcode=cpf10> You will need to give your CPF membership number. Note: this offer expires in June 2011.

FOR PARENTS:

Educacentre Revives “French for Parents” Workshops

Educacentre College’s popular “French for Parents” workshops are back! These classes are geared towards parents of children enrolled in French Immersion or Francophone Programs. Courses are available online or on campus and will begin at the end of this month (January 2011). For more information, please visit www.educacentre.com or call 1- 800 -747- 4825 ext. 1101.

CPF’s 2010 State of FSL Report Now Available

CPF’s reports on the state of French-second-language (FSL) are biannual assessments of how well FSL programs are faring across the country. They examine the quality of both national and provincial support for FSL programs. The key article in the 2010 report is “Voices of New Canadians” - their attitudes, perspectives and experiences with learning French as an additional language. The report includes a two-page fact sheet for educators on this topic. The report also includes a review of ministry policies affecting equitable access to FSL programs. It is available online at: <http://www.cpf.ca/eng/resources-reports-fsl.html>

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