



Welcome

*This package contains
information for French
Immersion families*



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Welcome to the French Immersion Program

For more info:

Please feel free to call the
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You can also contact the schools:

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You can also visit the Canadian
Parents for French website:

www.cpfmb.com

Canadian Parents for French-Beausejour Chapter

The Canadian Parents for French-Beausejour Chapter is a small group of parents, teachers, and school administrators who meet on a monthly basis. We welcome you to the French Immersion program and invite you to become a member of Canadian Parents for French.

Our Chapter's goal is to provide opportunities for your child to speak French in extra-curricular activities, to provide parents opportunities to network, and to support the work of our teachers, schools and school division. We look forward to meeting you as your child enters Kindergarten or at any point in their school career!

Please fill out the attached forms to join CPF and receive information from the Beausejour-Chapter.





Why become a member of CPF?

Canadian Parents for
French-Manitoba

www.cpfmb.com

Canadian Parents for French has a Chapter in Beausejour!

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national volunteer organization of adults who recognize the value of learning French and actively promote opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French.

Canadian Parents for French - Manitoba (CPF-MB) provides French-second-language (FSL) learning information for parents, teachers and students seeking FSL related research data about programs in Manitoba and other areas of the country. It also provides and supports a variety of French language extracurricular activities for Manitoban youth.

A membership form is included in this package. Your membership helps support French language activities in Beausejour!

- To give support for an organization that is working on behalf of your child.
- To help provide opportunities for your child to learn and use French outside the classroom.
- To help keep good programs in place and improve programs when necessary.
- To have access to the latest research information and publications concerning French second language education.
- To share experiences with other parents whose children are in French Immersion.
- To find out how you can help your child learn French.
- To be able to vote in CPF activities.



Resources for parents and students in French Immersion:

French for Life

www.frenchforlife.ca

Manitoba Education

www.edu.gov.mb.ca

(use search to locate “French Immersion” information)

Canadian Parents for French-Manitoba

www.cpfmb.com

Learning a second language

Tips for Parents of French Immersion Students

The following suggestions for parents of children enrolled in the French Immersion program are taken from the Canadian Parents for French brochure “How to be an Immersion Parent.”

- Read to your child in English. Reading skills transfer from one language to another.
- Your child may not be able to translate words at an early stage
- Taking your child to French cultural events or events hosted by the Beausejour Chapter of CPF will help expose them to French language and culture.
- Resist the temptation to correct your child if you are uncertain of the exact pronunciation or expression.
- Volunteer in the classroom or at special events- even if you don’t speak French!
- Remember that no two students and no two teachers work at the same rate so try not to compare your child’s progress to other children.
- Resist the temptation to say, “Now dear, say something in French to Grandma”. If your child is eager to speak French at home, encourage it, but do not make it a chore.
- Keep a positive attitude. Express any concerns you have to your teacher or principal not to your child.
- Do not worry if you aren’t bilingual! The teachers do not expect you to speak French and will be able to answer your questions and provide support to you in English!



Even though your child is registered in French Immersion you may still have questions about the program. CPF-Beausejour Chapter members are here to help!

You may be wondering...

French Immersion is for everyone. With few exceptions, Immersion is suitable for all children. Any child who can learn to communicate in one language can acquire a second language through the French Immersion Program.

French Immersion is designed for families whose mother tongue is not French. **Parents do not need to know French** in order to help their children with homework. In fact, the teachers will communicate with you in English because they expect that you do not know French!

French Immersion students follow the **same Government of Manitoba curriculum** as the English students except they learn the material in the French language.

Bus transportation is available for students who wish to attend the French Immersion program in Beausejour including students from Garson and Tyndall.

At Beausejour schools, French Immersion is **available from Kindergarten to Graduation**. French Immersion grads have many options. They can study in French or English, at universities in Canada and abroad. Universities recognize French Immersion courses for admission. Scholarships and bursaries are available for study in French in other parts of Canada or abroad.

Graduates of a full Immersion program have an increased appreciation of other languages and cultures, enhanced career potential and a key to learning other languages. **It opens one more door for their future.**

Please consider joining Canadian Parents for French. 65% of your membership fee goes directly to the Beausejour-Chapter to support our activities. Becoming a member does not mean you need to attend meetings 😊!



Local CPF Activities:

We meet monthly and **you are welcome** anytime!

As a CPF member you are not required to attend meetings but you are welcome at our monthly meetings as a way to learn more, network with parents of French Immersion children, and contribute ideas for activities and events. Some of our current activities include:

- 1 **Camp Soleil**
A summer day camp for French Immersion students ages 6-10 who have completed Grade 1.
- 2 **Scholarship**
Each year we offer a scholarship to a graduating French Immersion student.
- 3 **French Extra-Curriculars**
We plan events such as French movie night, Goldeyes game, Christmas caroling, Petite Café, Festival du Voyageur, bingo, etc.