



CPF *Canadian Parents for French*

Newsletter

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CPF Hamilton-Wentworth

Gregg LeRock in Concert - Coming Next Month!

Gregg LeRock is coming back to Hamilton - two locations, four great shows.

Has your school signed up yet? Be sure to ask your teacher if you'd like to go!

Bishop Ryan Secondary School,
50 Albright Road
Thursday, February 15, 2007
2 shows - 10 a.m and 1 p.m.

George P. Vanier Secondary School,
100 Macklin St. N.
Thursday, February 22, 2007
2 shows - 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Suitable for Grades 1 to 6 French Immersion and Core French students. Tickets are \$6 with each school receiving a complimentary, curriculum-based CD study guide so that students will be able to learn the songs in advance.



For tickets contact:
bookings@gregglerock.ca

These concerts are presented by CPF Hamilton-Wentworth.

Hamilton Reads in French!

CPF Hamilton-Wentworth is pleased to be sponsoring a reading and personal performance by local French language author Brigitte Cazabon. All French Immersion children and their parents are welcome to this free evening event. Come out and give your child some exposure to French culture outside of the classroom.

Ms. Cazabon will be reading from her children's books and children will be able to design their own book cover (suitable for ages 4 to 8.)

Wednesday, January 24th
6:45 p.m. at the Coin de la famille
(French Early Years Centre)
460 Main Street East, 3rd Floor

Contact Us

Be sure to visit the CPF Hamilton-Wentworth website at www.hwcn.org/link/hwcpf for information about our upcoming events, resources for FI parents or to become a CPF member.



French Trade Show a Big Success!

CPF Hamilton-Wentworth's second annual Trade Show was held on November 23, 2006 at Norwood Park School to provide one-stop resources and information about French language activities in Hamilton. French Immersion and francophone families were out in full force to view the trade show displays and purchase French materials from the Librairie Champlain. Thanks to Norwood Park for hosting this event.

CPF members received a 5% discount on their purchases and we are pleased to report that 11 more families have joined CPF to take advantage of this discount and support our future activities.

2006 Trade Show participants included:

- **College Boreal** - French classes for adults
- **Youth Services Department of the Hamilton Public Library** - French materials
- **Cathedral Secondary School** - French Immersion program

- **Coin de la Famille** - French Early Years Centre -free French program for pre-schoolers
- **Living Expressive Art/ Vivre les arts expressifs** -French art classes and camps
- **Laurentian University** - French language degrees
- **All About Learning** -tutoring
- **Centre Francais** -francophone community centre
- **Hamilton Hoppers** -French dance lessons
- **Centre De Sante Communautaire** -French health centre
- **Le Régional** -French language newspaper
- **Claire Van Alstyne** -French tutor
- **Nichole Zahork** -French tutor
- **Canadian Education Exchange Foundation** - French summer exchange program

Demonstrations were provided by the Hamilton Hoppers Dance Students, and by Living Expressive Arts Classes. The event showcased a full menu of French language materials and organizations for further studies and activities in French. Plan to attend next year!

French Dance Classes for Adults

Learn square dancing and swing dance, in a relaxed & fun environment in French.

WHEN: New sessions starting in January

WHERE: Staircase Theatre, 27 Dundurn Street North (one block north of King & the Fortino's plaza)
 Email - hamiltonlindy@yahoo.ca or phone Helene at 905-628-9917
 Web site: hammer.jacquoakley.com

French Art Course for Kids

An after school art course for French Immersion students. Children will get to explore, express and learn new artistic modalities in French. During the 10 weeks, the children will draw, paint, sculpt, sound, create music, enact theatre games and dance / movement. Materials are included
 After school classes, Saturday morning classes & Saturday afternoon classes will be offered starting in early January. Living Expressive Arts will also be offering a French language March Break Camp in 2007. Contact: Caro Cloutier at 905-526-9867 or www.carocloutier.com for further details or to register your child.



French Immersion Information Nights

High School French Immersion Information Nights

Evening sessions for Grade 8 students and their parents.

Everything you need to know about Hamilton's two French Immersion High Schools and how to get your French Immersion certificate!

Cathedral High School -
January 23rd at 7 p.m.

Westdale Public High School's information night took place in December. Please call the school for information.

Kindergarten Information Nights for French Immersion

It's that time of year again. If you know a family with a child starting Junior or Senior Kindergarten, encourage them to consider French Immersion. School board officials will be holding a series of information nights to tell potential FI parents about the program. CPF members will be at the meetings to answer your questions.

Public School Dates:
(all meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 7th Norwood Park

165 Terrace Drive
905-575-9808
(Hamilton Mountain, Ancaster &
Upper Stoney Creek)

**Monday, February 12th
A.M. Cunningham School**
100 Wexford Ave. S
905-544-7771
(East and Central Hamilton)

**Tuesday, February 13th
G.R. Allan School**
900 King St. W.
905-522-0601
(Dundas & West Hamilton)

**Wednesday, February 21st
Glen Echo School**
140 Glen Echo Dr.
905-560-6630
(Stoney Creek & East Hamilton)

**Monday, February 26th
Earl Kitchener School**
300 Dundurn St. S.
905-528-0223
(West and Central Hamilton)

Catholic School Dates:
(all meetings begin at 7 p.m.)

**Tuesday, February 20th
St. Eugene School**
120 Parkdale Ave. S.
905-545-9598
(East Hamilton & Stoney Creek)

**Wednesday, February 21st
Sts. Peter & Paul School**
49 Fennell Avenue
905-383-4911
(Hamilton Mountain)

**Thursday, February 22nd
St. Joseph School**
270 Locke St. S.
905-529-1002
(West Hamilton)

Public School Board Considers Adding French Immersion School Locations

As French Immersion continues to grow in popularity, space in existing schools is getting tight. In response to requests by CPF Hamilton-Wentworth and local parent groups in October 2006, staff at the Public School Board were directed by the Board of Trustees to consider additional French Immersion program locations in Waterdown, Dundas and Hamilton Mountain for September 2007. After many weeks of parent surveys, budget, logistic and policy considerations, the issue is being brought back to the Board of Trustees this month.

French Immersion Expansion will be considered at the Board of Trustees, Committee of the Whole Meeting on **Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.** These meetings are open to the public and parking is free for those attending. Please plan on being there to show your support for a strengthened French Immersion program in Hamilton -Wentworth.

CPF - The Benefits of Membership!

Livres, Disques, etc. - CPF members are entitled to a 10% discount on quality French language books, recordings and educational tools from Canada and around the world. Go to

livres-disques.franco.ca to take advantage of this offer.

Oui for Kids - this children's French on-line bookstore offers all CPF members a 10% discount on all products on their website. Please identify yourself as a CPF member and include your membership number when placing an order. Visit www.ouiforkids.com

e-4kids - provides educational, recreational, and informative resources for children in grades JK to 8. When ordering, please enter your membership number in the comments box to receive a 10% discount. Please visit www.e-4kids.com

National Car Rental - CPF members save up to 10% on published daily car rental rates for business and personal rentals. Please quote Contract ID #3710544. Go to the website www.nationalcar.com to download your coupon.

Firefly Books - publishes and distributes French language calendars and children's books. They are offering CPF members the following terms: per "ship to" address: 25 assorted books = 40% discount off retail price. Additional charges for shipping and GST. E-mail bkalbfeisch@fireflybooks.com www.fireflybooks.com



Dundurn Castle en Français

On December 2, a group French Immersion students and their families took part in a French language tour of Dundurn Castle – organized by CPF. Thanks to our tour guide, Brian Lindsay (a Norwood Park parent), who gave us a fun, bilingual overview of life in the castle during the Victorian era. The castle looked beautiful in its Christmas glory, and our members and their children really enjoyed themselves.

French Classes for Adults

College Boreal is starting a new term of French Second Language lessons for adults in January 2007. Best of all, the course text books are free for CPF members! Just quote your membership number when you register. Or join CPF today and take advantage of this great offer. Classes start the week of January 15, 2007 and run 6:30 to 9:30pm weekdays and/or Saturday mornings. A 12 week course costs \$229

No class contains more than 15 students. Classes use everyday

examples and resources such as newspaper and television to introduce students to the French language. Emphasis is placed on oral skills through subject related discussions on a different theme each week.

Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Conversational Levels are offered.

College Boreal is located at 627 Main Street East, Hamilton. Please call 905-544-9824 to register or for more details.