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Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers that values French as an integral part of Canada, and we're dedicated to the promotion and creation of French Second Language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

## Benefits of CPF Membership—Top 10 reasons for joining!

You've already made important decisions about your children's education by enrolling them in French. But you may not be sure of ways you can continue to help. Experts say that French immersion works best when kids and their parents can take part in French extra-curricular activities, and when school programs are high quality, well funded, and well-promoted. That's what *Canadian Parents for French* is all about!

- 10 **A Strong Voice!** With more than 6,500 members in BC and 26,000 across Canada, CPF is a powerful voice for French Second Language programs. In fact, CPF parents are behind the emergence of just about every French Immersion program in BC.
- 9 **Focus On French!** We are the only non-profit organization in Canada focused on French Second Language learning in the public school system. If we don't address your concerns, who will?
- 8 **Resources!** CPF has resources available to help you help your child in French. Our newsletters and website are packed with information about French Second Language materials and activities. We also solicit and disseminate research on a whole range of topics, including the cognitive benefits of French, French and multiculturalism, and learning with learning disabilities.
- 7 **Trouble Shooting!** Wondering what to do if your child can't read? Should children with learning disabilities stay in French immersion? Can your child go into immersion if she doesn't speak English well? CPF has chapters and representatives in over 40 communities in BC and Yukon to help answer these kinds of questions, and more. We are here to serve our members.
- 6 **CPF parents!** We offer countless opportunities to help your child have fun in French: summer camps, film festivals, science day camps, swimming lessons, public-speaking competitions, etc.
- 5 **Encouragement!** CPF offers bursaries and scholarships to students going on to pursue French after high school, and to university graduates planning to teach immersion in the region.
- 4 **Promotion!** CPF speaks at kindergarten and late immersion information nights, and at public events. We share information about the benefits and variety of French educational programs, helping to keep enrolment high so your child's educational program remains rich and secure.
- 3 **Public Speaking!** CPF organizes *Concours d'Art Oratoire*, a public-speaking competition in which more than 10,000 students compete for great prizes each year including books, cash, trips to Ottawa, and \$20,000 in university scholarships.
- 2 **Volunteer Satisfaction!** Being part of CPF is rewarding and exciting and you don't have to speak French! It's the perfect opportunity to network, make new friends, to gain skills and to bolster your resume, all while staying engaged in your child's educational and recreational life.

### ... the number one reason to become a member

- 1 **Your Child!** Do it because you care about your child's education. Help us continue to create and sustain strong, vibrant and exciting French educational, cultural, and sporting activities for your child. Join Today!