



L'ACTION FRANÇAISE!



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Eloiz concert

We were thrilled to welcome Éloiz, a talented French folk artist, to our stage for an unforgettable concert experience. Joining us in the audience were FSL students from MSS and PSS, along with the French Immersion students from MSS—such a great opportunity to come together and celebrate French language and culture!

Éloiz delivered an amazing performance that had everyone energized. Students loved hitting the dance floor and were especially excited to meet her and collect autographs after the show.

A huge shoutout to Mme Warren's students for teaching us line dances earlier this month and for confidently leading the crowd today—you helped make the experience even more fun and engaging!

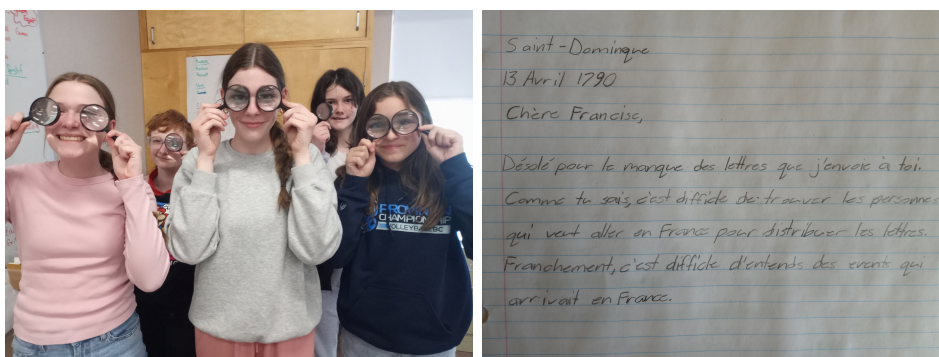
Many thanks to Joanne Brunel for coordinating this fantastic concert tour, and to Jean-François Packwood for securing funding through ImmersArt to make this event possible.

Moments like these bring learning to life—merci to everyone involved!



Grade 8/9

In Social Studies, we are continuing our exploration of revolutions. Students had the opportunity to choose between the French, American, or Haitian Revolution and dive a little deeper into one of them. For their final project, they took on the role of a teenager living during that time and wrote a letter from that perspective. It was a great way to bring history to life! Next, we'll be moving on to the Industrial Revolution and exploring how it still impacts our lives today.



In Science, we have been learning about reflection, refraction, mirrors, and lenses. Along the way, we've even had a bit of fun learning some simple "magic tricks" connected to these concepts! Next week, we'll begin learning about the human eye, which will include an optional eyeball dissection.

Battle of the Grades



Our French Immersion Leadership class recently hosted an exciting Battle of the Grades competition for Divisions 1–3! Students took part in a variety of fun and silly games that had everyone laughing, cheering, and showing great school spirit.

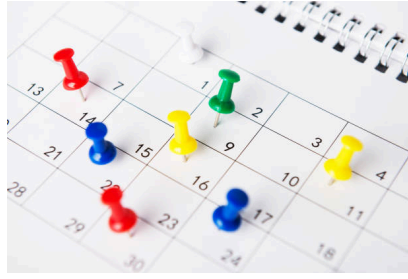
At the end of the event, Les Cougars proudly took home a pretty awesome trophy and some serious bragging rights! Thank you to the French Immersion Leadership students for organizing such a fun event for our school community.

French Teaching Assistant

We are excited to announce that our French Immersion program will be welcoming a French Teaching Assistant from Maizé, France for the 2026–2027 school year! Our assistant will work with both elementary and high school French Immersion students, helping to support authentic language learning and cultural experiences throughout the year. We are currently looking for rental options if you have any leads please email nmackay-smith@365.sd58.bc.ca. Merci!

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F.I. Event Updates and Upcoming Events



Upcoming Events

Dual Dogwood Ceremony
• Monday, June 1 - 5:30-6:00pm @ Collettville
(We encourage students and their families to attend!)

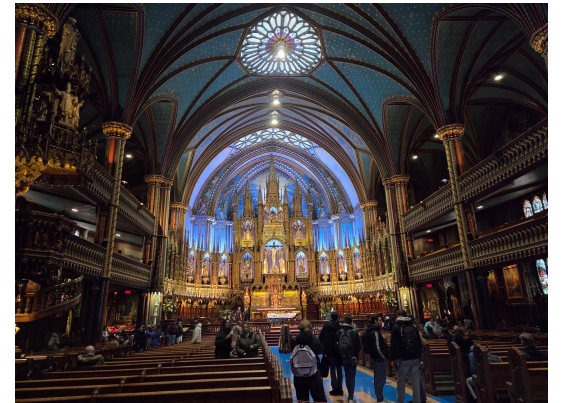
Useful Links

The CCFO summer camps are designed for children ages 6–11 enrolled in a francophone or French Immersion program. They offer a fun and engaging way for students to practice and maintain their French skills throughout the summer! Please see the attached poster or use the QR code for more information and registration details.



Québec Trip

This spring, a group of Grade 6 and 7 students had the incredible opportunity to travel to Québec as part of our 2026 Québec Trip, organized by M. Sambrook and Mme Berthelet. Also along for the trip were parent chaperones Angela Russell and Sheri Bishop, whose help and enthusiasm made the experience even more memorable.



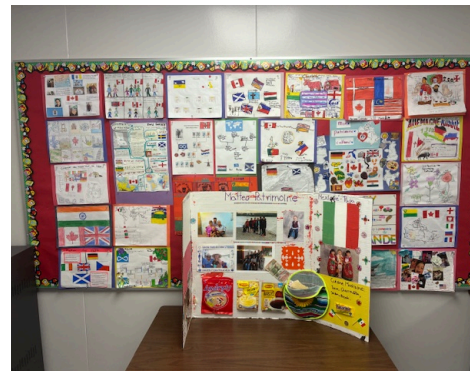
Throughout the trip, students were immersed in authentic French language and culture while visiting Montréal, and Québec City. They explored many exciting landmarks and experiences, including the Notre-Dame Basilica, Old Québec, the Bell Centre, and even an indoor rock climbing centre.



The trip provided students with a meaningful opportunity to practice their French in real-world settings while creating lasting memories with their classmates. It was an unforgettable experience filled with learning, laughter, and adventure!

Grade 4/5/6

Division 2 students did cultural heritage projects with a significant amount of assistance from home. The objective was to learn more about their background, share their learning, make connections to the Social Studies curriculum, and celebrate our diversity as a class and as Canadians. The students' projects surpassed expectations, and we all enjoyed learning about ourselves, each other, and our cultural make up.



Division 2 worked on SMART goals in May and April. We set goals around beginning to memorize our times facts and celebrated our success with a photo on the bulletin board as well as a little math party where we estimated how many cookies were in different packages and made multiplication sentences to describe how they were arranged (ex: 3 rows, with 11 in each row...3 x 11=33).

Transition Events

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER
COLLETTVILLE + CENTRAL JOINT EVENTS

- 13 MAY** LITERACY GAMES NIGHT & OPEN HOUSE
5-6 PM AT MCE SCHOOL
- 15 MAY** FAMILY PICNIC
11:45-12:45 AT MCE FIELD
- 28 MAY** FAMILY BBQ NIGHT
4:00-5:30 AT MCE
- 22 JUNE** PRIMARY FUN DAY
9:00-2:45 AT ROTARY PARK
- 23 JUNE** END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION
9:00-2:45 AT MONCK PARK

Do you have questions about the transition?
Send them to cvschool@365.sd58.bc.ca, and check out the "Q&A" section on our school website - cves.nssd.ca

As we prepare for a new chapter, upcoming transition events will help Collettville and Central families connect, ask questions, and become familiar with the changes ahead. Please see the attached poster for important event dates and details—we look forward to seeing you there!

FRENCH IMMERSION ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Felize Omori

Graduated with bilingual diploma in 2020

Where are you now (location/career/using your French, etc)?

I'm currently living in Vancouver, B.C., working as a Field Entomology Research Assistant at the Plant Insect Ecology and Evolution Lab. I also continue to work as a Shift Manager at Starbucks. French has remained a part of my life, having had the chance to use it when meeting exchange students from the South of France, as well as individuals from Montréal and Quebec City. I also applied my French while visiting Montréal, which allowed me to experience the city to its fullest.

A favourite memory from French Immersion:

One of my favourite memories was in Grade 7, in Mme. Ollek's class. She taught us a flash mob dance to surprise Mme. Bédard before she transferred to another district. I had never even heard of a flash mob before, and I thought it was such a creative and collaborative way to show someone we cared and would miss them. That said, I never want to dismiss Carnival. I will always feel grateful that Colletville incorporated French-Canadian Culture into our learning.

What are you most proud of from your French Immersion experience?

I'm most proud of the lifelong friendships I built. Spending years with the same group of students allowed us to form strong relationships and created a great sense of community. Even now, many of us stay in touch and make the effort to meet up a couple of times a year, even though we now live in different cities.

A few accomplishments I have achieved:

I recently graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology, majoring in Sustainable Agriculture and Environment. I was honoured to receive the UBC Medal in Applied Biology (awarded to the top graduate in the program) and the PA Boving Prize in Agriculture. Beyond academics, I'm proud of my volunteer work, supporting a small campus cafe focused on food sovereignty and food insecurity, and contributing to research in the lab where I now work. These experiences taught me as much as the classroom did.

How did French Immersion help you?

French Immersion helped me become bilingual, enhanced my communication skills, and deepened my appreciation for different cultures. It also taught me to think more flexibly and approach problems from various perspectives.

What would be your advice to current French immersion students?

Speak French as much as possible! During class, many of us would slip into English even when we weren't supposed to. Looking back, I regret not making the most of every opportunity to practice. Embrace it, you'll thank yourself later.

