

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH(CPF)
Springfield Chapter
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CPF membership forms can be obtained on the school website. The cost is \$25/year or \$60/3 years. Our school benefits from having a Chapter by receiving 65% of our membership fees back to our Chapter, reduced rates for entertainers coming to our school (\$300 instead of \$600), Improvisation workshops, Concour d'art Oratoire (French speaking competition), etc. **Make sure you write in Springfield Chapter on your form so we get the rebate.**

The winner of the "Keys to learning French" is Andrea Mitchell. Names of new CPF members were entered into a draw during our recent membership drive.

This is the first year that we hope to have Camp Soleil in our area. It will be from Aug 21-25 at Ecole Dugald School for students aged 6-10 in French Immersion. Please read over the attached form and send it in as soon as possible! Enrolment is limited to 20 students. We must pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 therefore the registration deadline is May 26, 2006. Camp Soleil info and registration form is also on the school website or extra copies can be obtained from the office. **Send registrations to the office or to Pat Napier, Box 32 Grp 8 RR 2, Dugald, MB R0E 0K0**

Did you read in the February 2006 Reader's Digest about Lauren Langille, a 16 year old from Oshawa, Ontario who won a \$20,000 scholarship from the University of Ottawa? The essay contest that she won was sponsored by the U of O and the nonprofit educational program French for the Future. She had been in a French Immersion Program until she was 14. She wrote about her experience of going to France on an exchange program when she was 16. On the way back to Toronto, the plane she was on crashed and she was able to communicate with everyone in both languages. She said that bilingualism opens doors to universities, jobs and travel.

Find out more about French for the Future at their website www.french-future.org. John Ralston Saul tells about French for the Future's role in helping young Canadians shape their futures in a bilingual, bicultural country (Reader's Digest February 2006, p.69-73.)

Congratulations to all those who completed the Beginner 1 French class at Ecole Dugald School! We have been speaking to CPF Manitoba Branch about offering Beginner 2 in our area next year.

Babelfish.com (It is fantastic!!!)

This is another internet tool that can be used for translation/correction of French spelling and grammar. Many other languages can be translated as well.