



# This is your seasonal edition of *Le Scoop Français* newsletter!

April - June 2026

## Congratulations to the 13 French Immersion Graduates!

We're excited to celebrate the French Immersion Graduates of 2026, who have earned the Dual Dogwood, a bilingual certificate awarded to students who complete the regular Graduation Program while taking required courses in French. Grad is always such a meaningful moment to recognize how far students have come and to wish them well as they head into their next chapter.



The past couple of months have been full of learning, exciting activities, and great opportunities for French Immersion students. Here's a look at what they've been up to:

### Slam Poetry with Vincent Deslauriers

Maxime Paquette's Grade 6/7 class had the opportunity to work with guest facilitator Vincent Deslauriers, a creative writing coach, philosopher, and educator, in a slam poetry workshop.

Through storytelling and spoken word, students explored how language can be used to express ideas, build confidence, and unlock creativity.

Experiences like this help students strengthen critical thinking skills and engage meaningfully with the world around them.



Vincent believes that thinking critically is an art, writing is a weapon, and creativity is the future. As he often says, "words shape worlds."

### 12 Brooks Students Wrote the DELF French Proficiency Exam

Twelve Brooks Grade 11 & 12 students wrote the internationally recognized DELF French proficiency exam this year!

The DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) is an official international diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education indicating the proficiency level of candidates. The DELF certifies the ability of students to use French in real-life situations across four competencies: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The DELF is recognized in 175 countries, is valid for life, and is accepted by many francophone post-secondary institutions, including some in Canada. This is a great way for students to enrich their resumes.

At Brooks, the DELF is offered every two years to senior French Immersion students.

## Student Trip to Victoria for a Local Forum

**29 French Immersion Brooks students in Grades 9-11** travelled to Victoria to take part in a Local Forum at the University of Victoria, followed by a guided walking tour of Chinatown in French!

The Local Forum is a full-day gathering that brings together French Second Language and French First Language high school students to engage in activities entirely in French, connect with Francophone community members, and explore the cultural and professional value of bilingualism. Nearly 200 students gathered this year to discover the Francophone community in their region and participate in hands-on workshops, including beading, hockey, yoga, and other activities.

Hosted in over fifteen cities across Canada, these forums welcome thousands of students every year, and provide an opportunity to see how French can extend beyond the classroom.



**Read what the students had to say about the 2026 Forum:**

*"Nous sommes allés au Forum de français pour apprendre à connaître les membres de la communauté franco-colombienne. Cette rencontre nous a aussi dévoilé des opportunités d'emploi ou d'études dans le monde français en Colombie-Britannique.*

*Au Forum j'ai très fortement apprécié que tout le monde parlait le français avec avidité. J'ai passé une excellente journée au Forum et je pense que tout le monde a bénéficié de cette sortie en français." - **Michaëlle D***

*"Au forum, ils ont parlé à propos des élèves qui ne veulent pas utiliser leur français car ils avaient honte de leur accent ou les fautes qu'ils font et j'ai réalisé que je me sentais un peu comme ça. Le forum m'a inspiré d'utiliser et d'être fière de mon français." - **Charlotte W***



**Guided walking tour in French!**

*"J'étais surprise de combien d'élèves parlent en français et veulent apprendre plus sur la langue.*

*Tout le monde était si inclusif et accueillant; cela m'a fait avoir plus de confiance quand je parlais.*

*Je suis plus reconnaissante de parler ces deux langues et des opportunités que ça me donne." - **Willa V***

## Grade 10 Student Completed a French Exchange Program



John (pictured on the right), a Brooks Grade 10 student, recently completed a French exchange program in Quebec.

[Programme d'échange C.B. - Québec](#), is a free exchange opportunity for French Immersion students from across British Columbia, with approximately 12 participants selected each year. It offers a one-of-a-kind experience where students first host a student from Quebec for two months, and then travel east to live with their exchange partner and experience daily life in a French-speaking community.

The goal of the program is to help students immerse themselves in the French language, experience a new culture and way of life, step outside their comfort zone, and learn more about themselves along the way.

Students typically prepare for this exchange in Grade 9 or 10 and take part during their Grade 10 or 11 year.

[Click here or scan the QR code to hear what John had to say about his exchange trip →](#)



## Professional Women's Hockey Player Jade Downie-Landry Came to qSD!



qathet School District had a special visit from Jade Downie-Landry, Canadian professional ice hockey player and forward for the Montréal Victoire of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL). She spent time with students across the district, sharing her love of the game and her journey as a professional athlete.



Jade visited several elementary schools including Westview, Edgehill, and James Thomson, skated alongside students at the complex, and delivered inspiring presentations in both French and English, including one at Brooks Secondary for the French Immersion and Hockey Academy students.

## Poetry Workshop in Comox with Slam Artist Elémo

A group of 18 French Immersion students from Brooks travelled to Comox to participate in a workshop and performance with poetry slam artist Elémo!



# Semaine de la Francophonie March 9-13

The *semaine de la francophonie* provided an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the French language and the many cultures that make up the Francophone world. It also gave students a chance to celebrate the language they learn and use every day!

Throughout the week, classes at James Thomson participated in activities highlighting traditions from French-speaking communities, including Québec and other parts of the world, while exploring French culture through music, stories, games, and food. Additionally, students took part in a whole-school Francophone lunch and wrapped up the week with an improv competition.

Watch a [highlight reel](#) of the week by scanning the QR code →



## School Service & Leadership

As part of her School Service & Leadership course, **Grade 12 student Piper** supported younger French Immersion students at James Thomson twice a week throughout March and April!

She worked alongside teachers to support reading, oral language development, and classroom activities. Staff shared very positive feedback about her contributions and the support she provided to students.



**A special thank you goes out to Piper, Danielle, and Nelle, who have helped lead French Club initiatives over the past two years!**



Piper



Danielle



Nelle

## French Club Highlights

Students from the French Club presented posters created through a grant to all French Immersion classrooms in recognition of **National French Immersion Day** →



The French Club, along with Grade 9 students, also hosted **FrancoFun** during Flex, featuring games, a short film, and food. Check out some of the photos below:



# UPCOMING

## CÉLÉBRATIONS FRANCOPHONES DU SOLSTICE D'ÉTÉ

AFQA - 5110 AVENUE MANSON

20 Juin

17h00 - 22h00

**Beach Crashers**  
**DJ Blaise**

JEUX EXTÉRIEURS FAMILIAUX - JARDIN DE BIÈRE TOWNSITE BREWING  
BIENVENUE À TOUS! - GRATUIT - JUST FRY'S POUTINE - BAR À SALADE  
FAMILY FRIENDLY LAWN GAMES - TOWNSITE BREWING BEER GARDEN  
EVERYONE WELCOME! - FREE - JUST FRY'S POUTINE - SALAD BAR



TOWNSITE  
BREWING  
POWELL RIVER, BC



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## Allons-y! Let's go! Camp d'été Thuya

Âges  
6-12

en immersion française  
French immersion  
summer camp

Camp de Jour / Day Camp

### Dates

inscription par semaine  
weekly registration  
29 Juin au 21 Août

### Schedule

Lundi-Vendredi  
Monday-Friday  
9 - 4pm

### Activités

- ✓ Sorties plages & parcs/  
Beach and park outings
- ✓ Jeux extérieurs /  
Outdoor games
- ✓ Artisanat / Crafts
- ✓ Cuisine / Baking

### Frais/Fees

Par semaine/per week:  
\$20 inscription/to register  
+ \$205 camp  
\*rabais pour membres  
\*discounts for members



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S'inscrire / Register: [www.afqa.ca](http://www.afqa.ca)

## Free Resources for Home



**BC French Education**  
[BCFrenchEducation.ca](http://BCFrenchEducation.ca)

Outdoor learning resources, literacy, numeracy, and more.



**Zone Jeunesse**  
[ici.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/scolaire](http://ici.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/scolaire)

Videos, games, blogs, audio for kids (Radio Canada = French CBC)

**FR Plus**

[frplus.ca/en](http://frplus.ca/en)

Fr+ is a free platform open to students ages 14-18 that allows you to join online communities based on your interests. You can create, discuss and discover French content that is geared toward your language level.



Perfect for summer!