Early French Immersion Information Evening

February 3, 2016
Selkirk Elementary School
French in the Yukon

- Vibrant
- Activities in the community
- Supported by the Department of Education
- A number of programs available
French First Language

- Founded on Section 23 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*
- Goal: Preservation, remediation and enhancement of French language and culture in Canada
- Francophone culture and language at school and at home
- Admission is by right or permission
  - For more information call 667-8150
Core French

• Traditional Core French
  • Programs vary across Yukon

• Intensive French
  • Starts in Grades 4 – 6
  • Currently offered at CKES, Holy Family, Hidden Valley, Selkirk and Robert Service
French Immersion

- Begins with a period of concentration on French language development
- Develops skills in French and English over time
- Meets the same outcomes as for the English stream, as defined by the BC curriculum
Goal of French Immersion

• At the end of grade 12, students:
  • Are able to continue studies or work in either/both French and English
  • Can switch between French and English fluidly when they speak or write
Entry Points for Immersion

- Kindergarten
  - École Whitehorse Elementary and Selkirk
- Grade 1
  - École Whitehorse Elementary and Selkirk
- Grade 6 - Late Immersion
  - École Whitehorse Elementary
  - Students can enter Late Immersion from Core French or from Intensive French
What are the benefits of French Immersion?

- Develops skills in a second language
- Fosters an appreciation and an acceptance of cultural diversity
- Opens opportunities for travel, study and careers
- Prepares students to function in two languages and cultures
Is French Immersion right for my child?

- Does your child like to talk?
- Does your child enjoy experimenting and accepting challenges?
- Is your child comfortable making mistakes?
- Are you prepared to provide support and encouragement to your child?
Early French Immersion in our schools

- Playground play language is English
- French Library resources and instruction
- Bilingual staff available for counseling, learning assistance and educational assistance
- French Monitor Program to support learning
- French “reading buddies”
Early French Immersion in our schools

- French cultural activities such as Sugar Shack
- National anthems in three languages (French, English and Southern Tutchone)
- French included in assemblies, concerts, student presentations, etc.
- French choir
- Southern Tutchone program
French Immersion at ÉWES

• Single track (only French Immersion program at the school)
• French milieu: e.g., PA announcements are made in French
• Language used in the school is French
• All subjects except English are taught in French
French Immersion at Selkirk

- Dual track (school offers both French Immersion and English programs)
- English is main language of school
- Music, physical education and IT are taught in English
- French choir
Early French Immersion
Pre-registration
Kindergarten Pre-Registration

- 72 Kindergarten Immersion places
  - 54 at Whitehorse Elementary
  - 18 at Selkirk
- Online pre-registration from February 8 – 15
- No child turned away from French Immersion
  - Might mean additional school location or other option if more than 72 pre-register
Kindergarten Pre-Registration

KEY DATES

- Monday, February 8, 9:00 a.m.
  - Online Kindergarten pre-registration for all Whitehorse schools opens
    www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten.html
- Monday, February 15, 12:00 noon
  - Last day to pre-register for French Immersion Kindergarten using online form
Kindergarten Pre-Registration

KEY DATES

• Monday, February 22, 12:00 noon
  • Last day to confirm acceptance of your child’s school placement
• Friday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.
  • Last day to complete enrolment process at your child’s assigned school
Grade 1 Registration

• Kindergarten students staying at their schools for 2016 – 17 are automatically registered for French Immersion Grade 1
• Selkirk K students transferring to École Whitehorse Elementary for 2016 – 17 must advise by 12:00 noon, Monday, February 15
• All other Grade 1 entry students must contact schools directly after 12:00 noon, Monday, February 15 to enrol
Kindergarten class visits

In May, after enrolment is complete, you and your child(ren) will be invited to visit an Early Immersion Kindergarten in progress.
More information

www.education.gov.yk.ca/french.html

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