



## French Immersion Expansion Gordon/ Princess Elizabeth Program

**Parent Information Sessions will be held at Gordon and Princess Elizabeth Public Schools on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Applications to French Immersion will be accepted for Grades 1, 4 and 5 at Gordon and Grades 4 and 5 at Princess Elizabeth

“The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill, because French is **one** of Canada’s two official languages and because it is a language used widely around the world. Research confirms that knowledge of a second language strengthens first-language skills and that the ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances reasoning and problem solving skills, as well as creative-thinking skills. ... second-language learning prepares students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and provides them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.”

(pg 3 of the E.F./F.I. Curriculum Document (C.D.) 2001)

### Why Grade One entry?

Beginning foreign language instruction early sets the stage for students to develop advanced levels of proficiencies in one or more languages. Young learners possess the capacity to develop near native-like pronunciation and intonation in a new language.



- **49** school Boards in Ontario offer Early Entry French Immersion (JK/SK/Gr. 1)
- French Immersion is a program choice.
- Successful entrants will be drawn by lottery, if necessary. All students are eligible.

### Program Location

#### Gordon/ Princess Elizabeth

##### Gordon is accepting:

- Grade 1 (pilot)
- Grade 4 & 5 (entry)

\*Gordon may “wait-list” Out of Boundary students

##### Feeder Schools:

A.K. Wigg, E.W. Farr, Glendale, Glynn A. Green, Gordon, Pelham Centre & Quaker Road

##### Princess Elizabeth is accepting:

- Grade 4 & 5 (entry)

##### Feeder Schools:

Crowland, Fitch, Mathews, Princess Elizabeth, Plymouth & Ross

### Communication

#### January 30-Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

Parent Information night at the French Immersion sites

#### February 9<sup>th</sup>

Notices go home to parents with Report Cards

#### March 19-23<sup>rd</sup>

Students /Parents notified of acceptance

### Registration

**Opens:** January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Closes:** February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Online registration is preferred**

<https://app.dsb.edu.on.ca/fsl/>

Applications are also available at your school.

For more information on French Immersion programming or the application process you can do any of the following:

1. Attend the Parent Information session listed above
2. Contact your school principal
3. Visit - <http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca/schools/supportservices/Curriculum/French/default.html> and click on either French Immersion Information or French Immersion Registration
4. Contact Julie Stapleton, French as a Second Language and International Languages Consultant, School Support Services – 905-227-5551 ext 52220 or [Julie.stapleton@dsbn.org](mailto:Julie.stapleton@dsbn.org)
5. Contact Kelly McDonnell, Student Achievement Leader – French Immersion, School Support Services (905)-227-5551 x52402 – [Kelly.mcdonnell@dsbn.org](mailto:Kelly.mcdonnell@dsbn.org)