

# Middle French Immersion (MFI) Information Session

Thursday, February 1st, 2024 @ 6:30pm

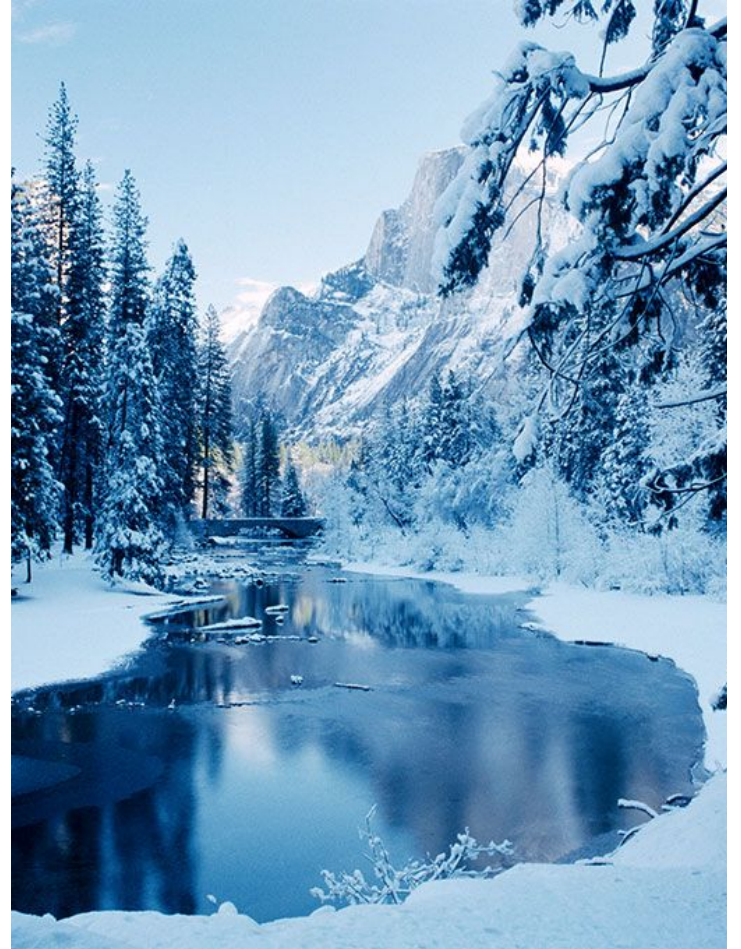


BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our presentation is taking place on unceded and unsurrendered Algonquin Territory. We thank the Algonquin Nation for hosting us.



# Our School

- 284 students
- 14 classes
  - 2 50/50 kindergarten
  - Primary & Junior LLD
  - Primary BIP
  - 7 English homerooms with Core French
  - 2 Middle French Immersion (gr. 4-6)
- 45 staff members
- Library
- Gymnasium
- Outdoor Learning Center (OLC)
- Primary & Junior Snug
- Music Room





# School Initiatives

- Gratitude Tree
- Third Path (regulation),  
Early Literacy & Math
- Student Voice &  
Leadership
  - Daily Announcements
  - Monthly Assemblies
  - Kindness Squad Leads
  - Recess Clubs
- Annual Art Oratoire



# Community Involvement

- Food Drives,
- Terry Fox,
- Toonie Tuesday,
- Spirit Days with a Cause



# School Council

- Have a say!
- Roles:
  - *Chair*
  - *Treasurer\*\**
  - *Recorder*
  - *Voting Member*
  - *Member at Large*
- In person and/or virtual meetings once a month
- Everyone is welcome!



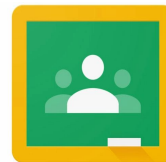


# We Love Staying in Touch

- <https://bellscornersps.ocdsb.ca/>



- Bi-weekly family bulletins (Friday evenings)
- X Twitter (@BellsCornersPS) 
- Educators' learning management systems (i.e. google classroom, google sites, etc.)



# Middle French Immersion (MFI)

- All students entering grade 4 are eligible for enrolment in the Middle French Immersion Program
- French Immersion Programs in the OCDSB are designed specifically for students **whose mother tongue is not French.**



# Curriculum for MFI

Curriculum requirements and expectations are **exactly the same** for MFI students as students in a non-MFI program

Ontario Curriculum Grades 1 - 8

# A Typical Day...

	MFI 4-6	Eng 4-6
French Language Arts	60 minutes	40 minutes
English Language Arts	40 minutes	60 minutes
Mathematics	60 minutes	60 minutes
All other subject areas	100 minutes	100 minutes

# In Grades 7 & 8

Students in Middle French Immersion in grades 7 and 8 :

- Merge with the EFL program (at Bell Intermediate)
- Receive on average **150 minutes a day of instruction in French.**
- Receive on average **150 minutes a day of instruction in English** – (60 minutes of English Language and 60 minutes of Mathematics instruction in English and 30 minutes in another subject – e.g. Music and Visual Arts)

# In Grade 9 and Beyond...

In High School, student take 10 credits to receive French Immersion Certificate:

Grade 9 – 4 courses in French

Grade 10 – 3 courses in French

Grade 11 and 12 – fewer courses are offered in French

Students who graduate secondary school with a French Immersion Certificate are expected to be able to communicate with ease and feel comfortable in both French and English. They are also expected to be able to accept employment, training, or pursue further education in either language.



# Characteristics to consider...

- Students should have strong skills in a language (vocabulary, reading, and writing)
- Students should possess strong work and study habits – Strong Learning Skills
- Students should have a positive attitude towards learning a new language
- Students should not be afraid to make mistakes and take risks
- Students should be ready to manage two workloads for the first time (French and English Language Arts)

# Transitioning to MFI

- Communication with the sending school for social and academic strengths/needs
- Importance of immersing themselves into the new language
- Science and Social Studies units will involve considerable study of subject related vocabulary
- There is a “silent stage” learners go through when learning in a new language
- Level of French skills by the end of Grade 6 are expected to be comparable with Early French Immersion (EFI begins in Grade 1)

# What You Can Expect


- All of our students are learning one or two new (or additional) languages.
- Creating and maintaining a safe classroom culture where all expressive types of communication are respected and encouraged.
- Routines are set and comfortable, allowing students to flow through their day with confidence
- We will honour students' first languages.
- We will promote risk-taking.
- Oral comprehension coming before speaking, reading, and writing.

# What Can Families do to Prepare and Support Students?

- Ask your student whether they enjoy French and are willing to spend most of the school day working in the French language.
- Encourage them to listen and communicate in French.
- Watch French films and television programs.
- Listen to French radio or listen to books online.
- Encourage your student by pointing out their successes.
- Listen to them read aloud in French daily. Ask them questions about the text.



# OCDSB Resources for FSL Learners

Online reading platforms	Description	Access
 <a href="https://boukili.ca/fr">https://boukili.ca/fr</a>	<b>Primary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An online platform of illustrated books with both text and read aloud features.</li></ul>	Students login with their classroom code
 <a href="http://ebookkids.com/">http://ebookkids.com/</a>	<b>Primary-Junior</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An online platform of illustrated books.</li><li>The collection offers both text and audio books</li></ul>	No log-in required
 <a href="http://www.universalis-edu.com/">http://www.universalis-edu.com/</a>  <a href="https://junior.universalis-edu.com/">https://junior.universalis-edu.com/</a>	<b>Junior-Intermediate-Secondary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online Encyclopedias directed to Junior and Older learners</li><li>Great for all language levels (A1-B2) and all grades (4-12)</li></ul>	Accessible through the VLE for OCDSB students and directly online.
Audio Books & Podcasts	Description	Access
	<b>Primary-Junior-Intermediate-Secondary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collection of audio short stories and novels</li></ul>	

Click [here](#) to access list of resources



What's going on at CPF Ontario



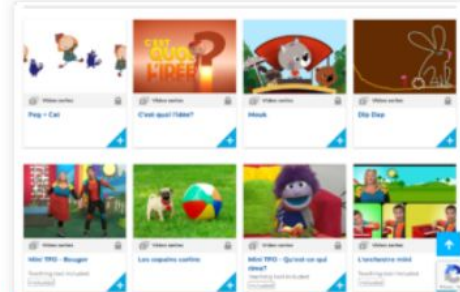
Spots Still Available — WINTER  
Registration – Virtual  
Programs

We still have a few spots available in the



Ways to Practice French With  
Your Children

If you are a native French speaker or  
consider yourself comfortable in French,



Learning French During The  
Early Years: A Burden Or A  
Must?

The "early years," of our children and

# Registration Process

- Students who currently attend an OCDSB school and plan to attend the Bells Corners MFI program in September 2022 will be asked to complete a LETTER OF INTENT at their current school.
- Students who currently do NOT attend an OCDSB school and plan to attend the MFI program in September 2024 should go on the Bells Corners P.S. website and fill out the 'Application for Admission to Elementary School' form located in the School New Registration Information Section.

# Registration Process

- The District's system-wide registration period is open from February 5-9, 2024.
- Although registrations are accepted beyond this date, your early identification of interest in the program is important to assist us in proper planning for September.



# Transportation

- MFI students are eligible for busing if they are not within walking distance (1.7 kilometres or farther)
- If your student is registered, bus stop information will be available by late August at [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca)



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Ottawa Student  
Transportation  
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# Visit our Website

For more information about Bells Corners PS please visit our website

<https://bellscornersps.ocdsb.ca/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Bells Corners Public School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with options for 'Select a School', 'Select Language', 'Login', and a search bar. Below this is a dark red header section containing the school's logo (a bulldog with '1959 BULLDOGS'), the school name 'BELLS CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL', and the address '3770 Old Richmond Road, Nepean, ON K2H 5C3'. It also includes contact information: 'Phone (613) 828-3100 | Fax (613) 828-3701' and the motto '"Integrity and Empathy" are at the core of all we do.'. Logos for the 'OTTAWA-CARLETON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD', 'Education Foundation of Ottawa', and 'International Education Programs' are also present. A secondary navigation bar lists: Home, Our School, Staff, Teams and Clubs, School Council, Student Supports, Transportation, Parent Resources, and Login. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column has 'CONTACT US' with a 'Contact Information' button, 'STUDENT ATTENDANCE' with an email address 'bcpsattendance@ocdsb.ca', and 'SCHEDULE' with the text 'Supervision begins at 9:00 am'. The middle column features a yellow 'INCLUSIVENESS' banner with the text 'Including others, inviting them in, and welcoming them with open arms.' and a cartoon rabbit and dog. Below it is a 'Kindness' banner with colorful handprints and the text 'IS FOR EVERYONE!' and 'We're part of a community. Our strength is our diversity. A shelter from adversity. All are welcome here!'. The right column has 'DISTRICT LINKS' with buttons for 'Kindergarten Information Nights', '2022-2023 Elementary School Year Calendar', '2023-2027 Strategic Plan', and 'GIFT A LIFT' with the text 'This holiday season we're asking you to...'. The bottom of the page has a footer with '© 2022 Bells Corners Public School' and 'All rights reserved.'

Thank you for attending our MFI  
Information Night

We would appreciate receiving  
registration information as  
soon as possible in order to  
best serve your child.

If your child has any  
exceptional or health needs,  
please let the school know  
when you register.

