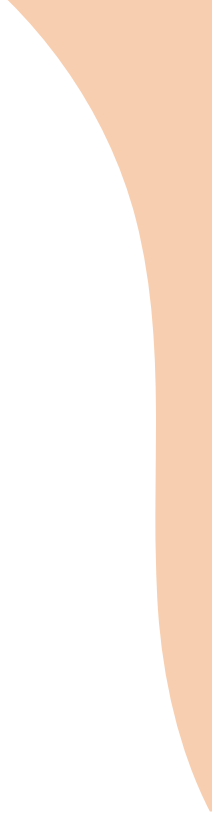


# What does the French Immersion program look like in Olds?



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**École Olds Elementary**  
**Grades 1-4**  
**French Immersion**



# **Soyez Les Bienvenues!**

Welcome to French Immersion at  
Olds Elementary!

Brought to you by:  
Mrs. Alanna Sampson (principal)



# École Olds Elementary School

We are pre-k to grade 4 and there are 550 students at our school

- FI Grade 1/2 current enrollment is 20 students
- FI Grade 2/3 current enrollment is 19 students
- FI Grade 3/4 current enrollment is 20 students



# Did you know that Olds Elementary FI starts in grade one?

Every January, parents of students in Kindergarten are asked if they would like to choose FI programming starting in grade 1. French Immersion (FI) is an educational approach where the students:

- Acquire fluency to speak, read, listen and write in French
- Develop an appreciation of Francophone culture through various cultural activities
- Maintain and improve their competencies in English.
- Have greater opportunity to understand Canadian culture through both official languages

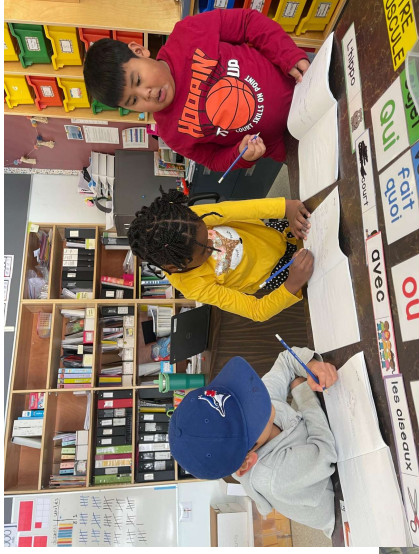
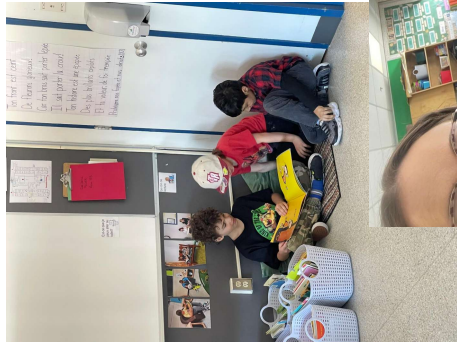
# Grade 1

In Grade 1 we begin by learning our letter names and sounds, we begin reading simple CVVC words as we learn the letter sounds. As the year progresses we begin reading longer words using tool sounds (ou, ph, in, etc). We learn numbers to 100, the days of the week and months of the year in French.

We develop writing skills throughout the year using a modelling strategy for students to input their own ideas.

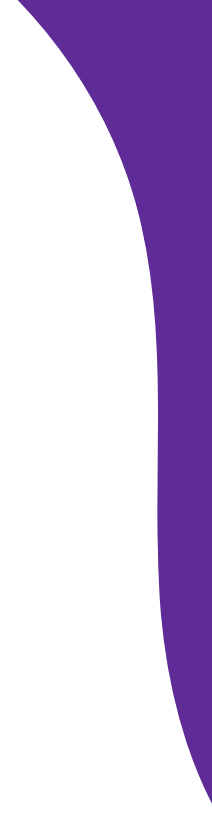
Students develop independence using the language orally, and build their listening comprehension throughout the year.

# Grade 1/2 with Mme Brokenshire



# Grade 2

In Grade 2 we continue our French knowledge by furthering our personal vocabulary, participating in longer writing activities and learning numbers to 1000! We write short fiction and non-fiction texts to express ideas, speak on familiar topics using basic French sentences. We make connections between letters and the sounds they represent (phonics) to read and write.



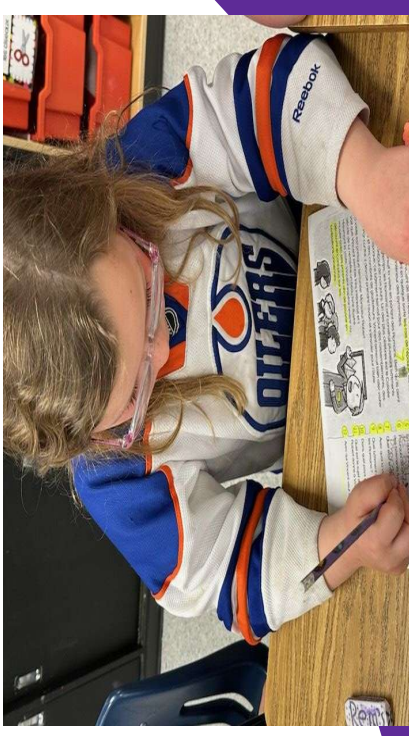


# Grade 2/3 with Mme Tulloch



# Grade 3

The students will learn to speak in French on a variety of familiar topics in spontaneous and prepared situations. We learn to identify important ideas within spoken messages on various topics. The students will use reading strategies and demonstrate comprehension of fiction and non-fiction texts. In math we recall multiplication number facts and related division facts. We add and subtract within 1000 using standard procedures. The students will practise telling time using analog and digital clocks.

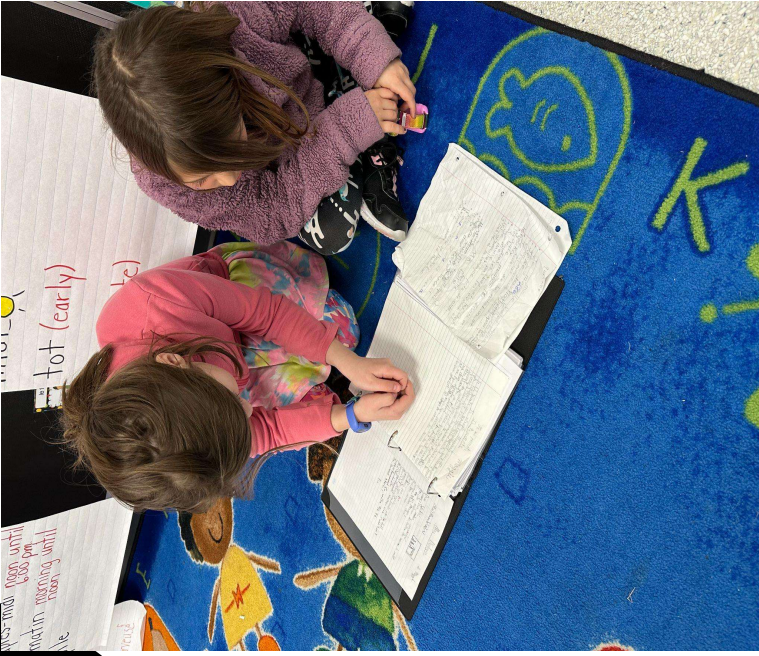


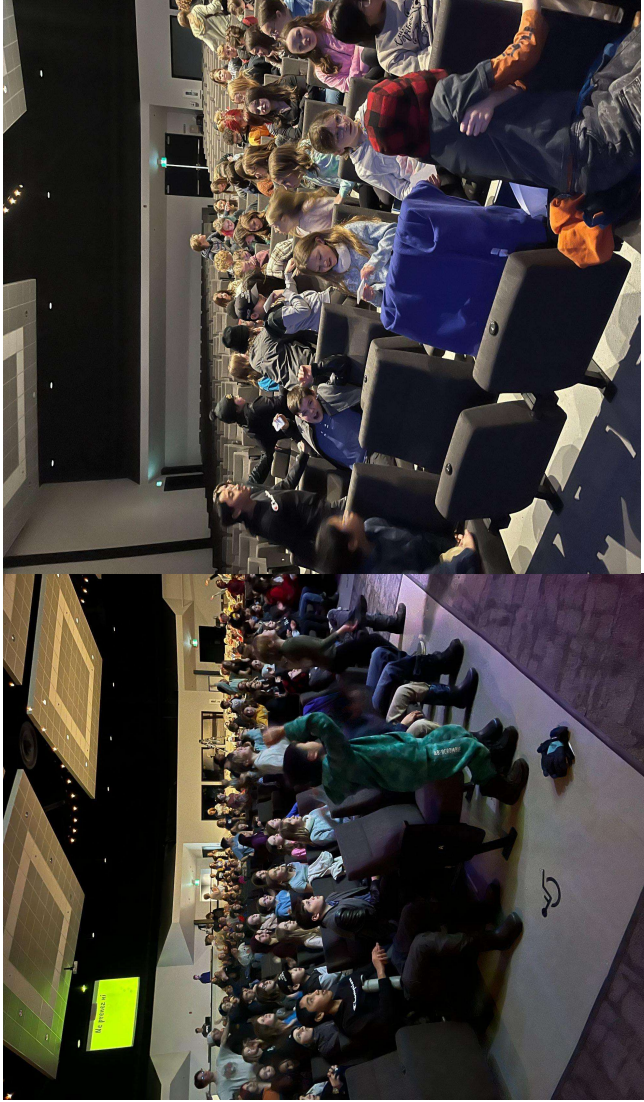
# Grade 4

Students speak and understand messages on various topics in different contexts. They will continue to expand their vocabulary, understanding, and word choice. They will identify various texts based on their purpose, features, and structure of fiction and non-fiction. Furthermore, they will apply reading strategies to understand text of fiction and nonfiction. Students will use the writing process and complete sentences to express ideas in fiction and nonfiction.

Math will continue to build on skills introduced in grade 3 including numbers to 10 000.

Students will be introduced to French culture including and not limited to, The Sugar Shack, the Quebec Carnival, French songs, and history as it relates to French in Canada.





**École Deer Meadow School**  
**Grades 5-8**  
**French Immersion**



# **Soyez Les Bienvenues!**

Welcome to French Immersion at  
Deer Meadow!

Brought to you by:  
Mr. Allan Whitehead &  
Ms. Jennifer Jackson  
Mme Shamvu: grade 5/6  
M. Lund: grade 7/8



# Mandatory Courses

Students in grade 5 to 8 in French Immersion will be enrolled in the following classes:

- French Language Arts
- English Language Arts
- Mathématiques
- Sciences
- Études Sociales (Social Studies)
- Physical education





# Grade 5

**Social** : What is Canada like? Canada is a vast country with a varied geography and a diverse population. Your child will discover Canada's regions, the stories and ways of life of Canada's peoples, and how various events have contributed to Canada's identity.

**French** - students express themselves in another language! They choose the most important information from books, recordings, and movies and organize the information into written pieces. They work with others in teams to create interesting presentations. They learn how to organize their ideas carefully in their writing (stories and letters). They also learn French grammar, using verbs, nouns, and adjectives correctly. Students do novel study

# Grade 5

**Science** - students learn about Chemistry activities like making crystals introduce them to chemical reactions. They interpret and measure weather and study wetland ecosystems. They also learn electricity and magnetism to build simple electrical devices.

**Math** - Students learn how to:

- add and subtract numbers within 1 000 000 using standard procedures (algorithms)
- multiply three-digit natural numbers by two-digit natural numbers, using standard procedures (
- add and subtract fractions with common denominators
- write and evaluate algebraic expressions
- classify shapes, using symmetry
- calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles

# Grade 6

**Science** - students learn about Chemistry activities like making crystals introduce them to chemical reactions. They interpret and measure weather and study wetland ecosystems. They also learn electricity and magnetism to build simple electrical devices.

**Math** - students learn how to:

- add, subtract, multiply, and divide, using standard procedures (algorithms), to solve problems
- multiply fractions by natural numbers
- calculate area and volume
- solve algebraic equations
- collect, graph, and interpret data

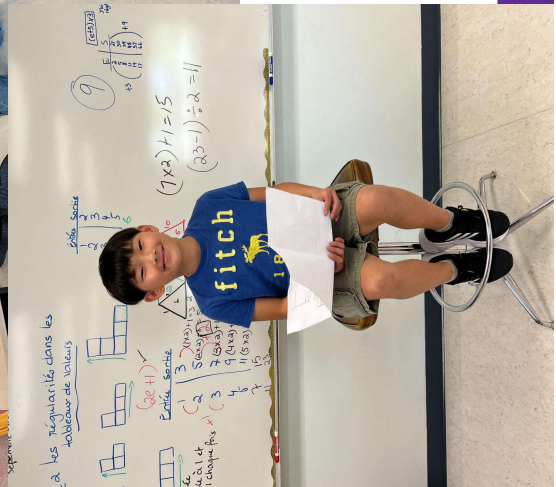
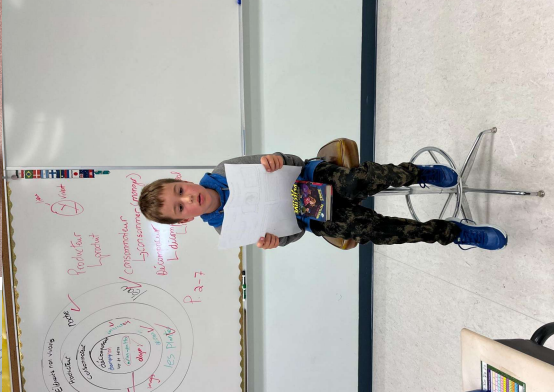
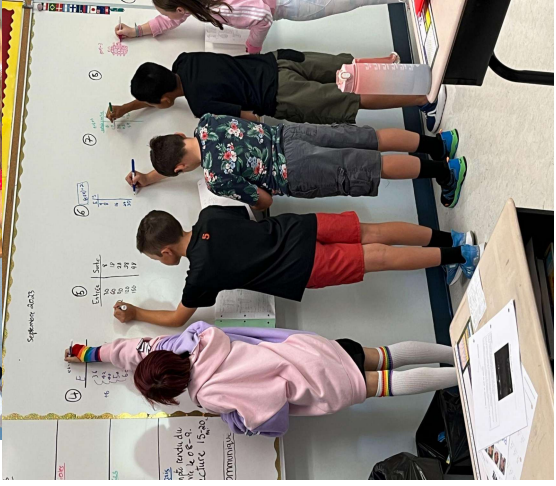
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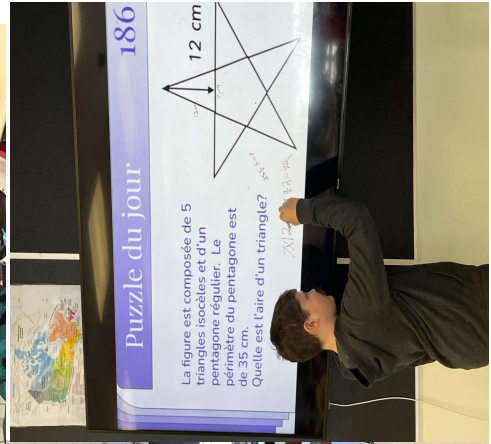
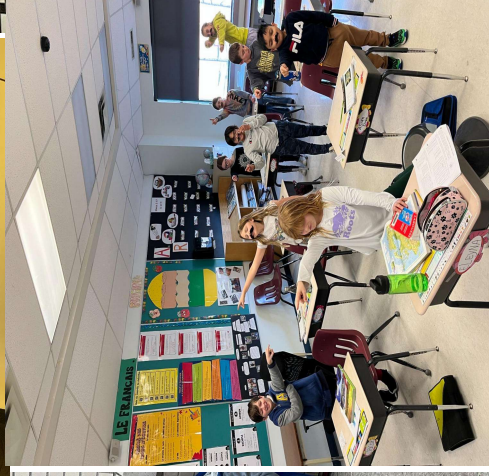
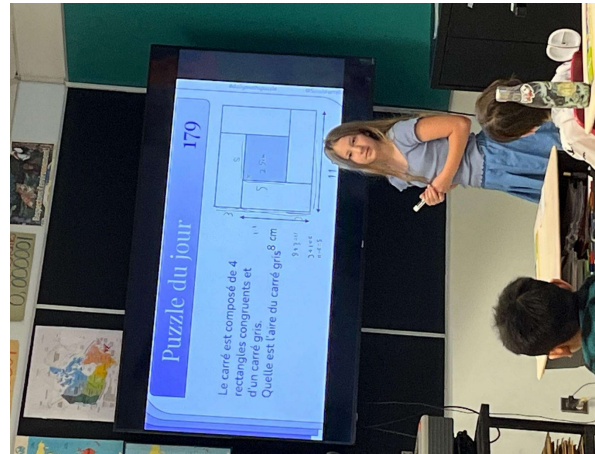
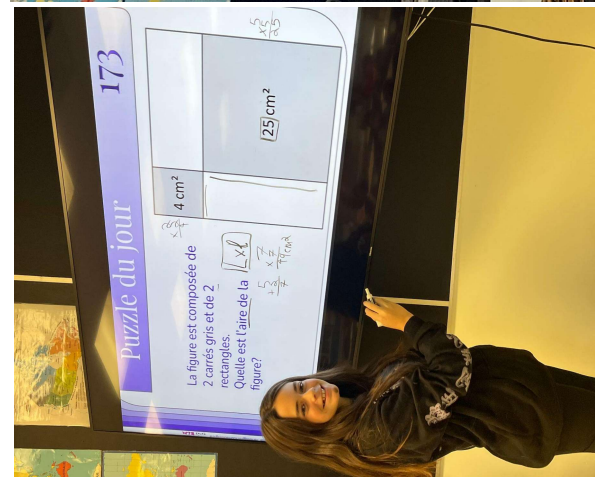
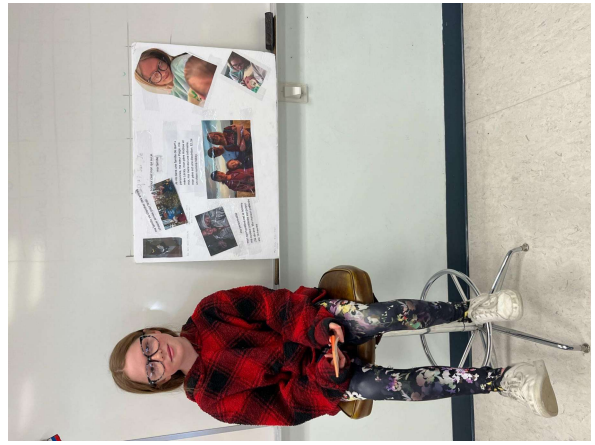
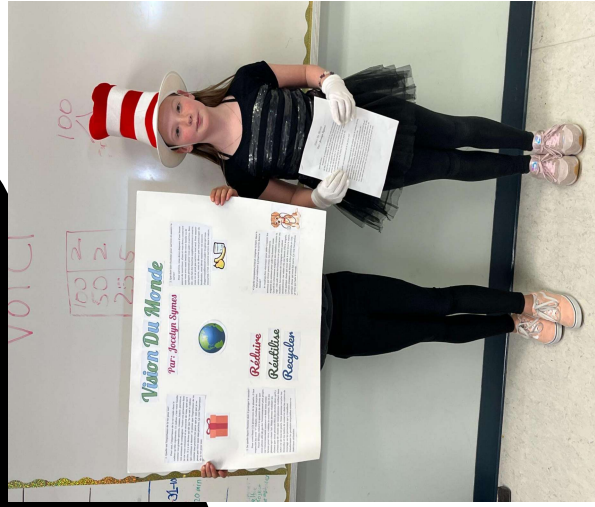
**Science** - students learn how things fly, flight, air and aerodynamics and the night sky. They design, build, and test flying objects in teams. They also learn about the night sky, planets, forests, and trees. They sharpen their skills in observing and interpreting what they see by investigating evidence of human and animal activity.

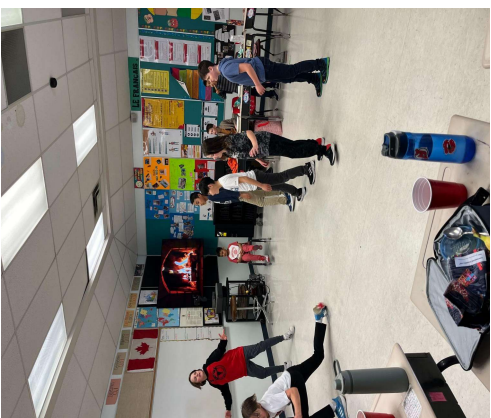
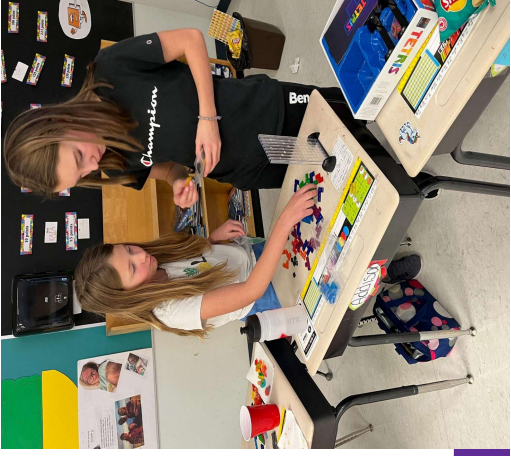
**French** - Students use a variety of sources to get information, including discussions with classmates. They plan research projects independently and in a team. They create and organize presentations with other students. When writing, students create longer, more interesting stories, using grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation correctly.

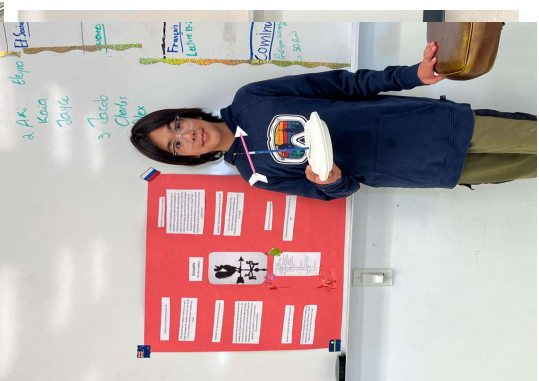
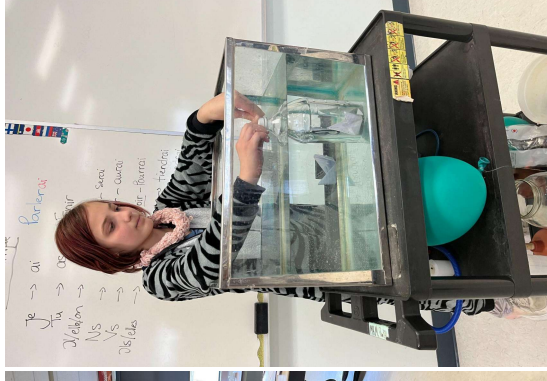
At the end of those five courses, students write a [Provincial Achievement Test](#). These tests determine if students across the province are learning what they are expected to learn.

# Grade 5/6







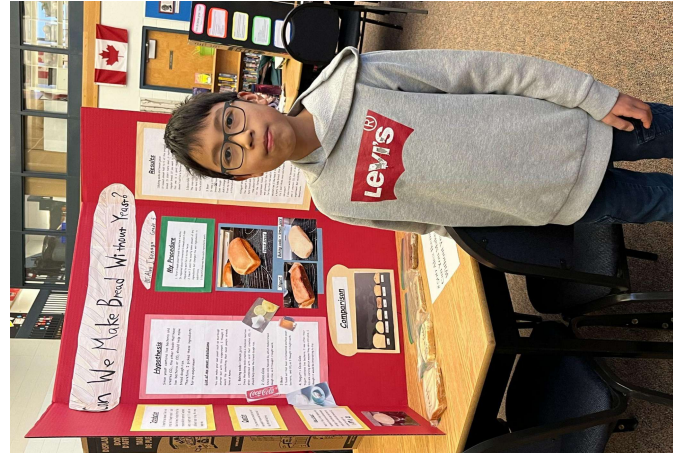
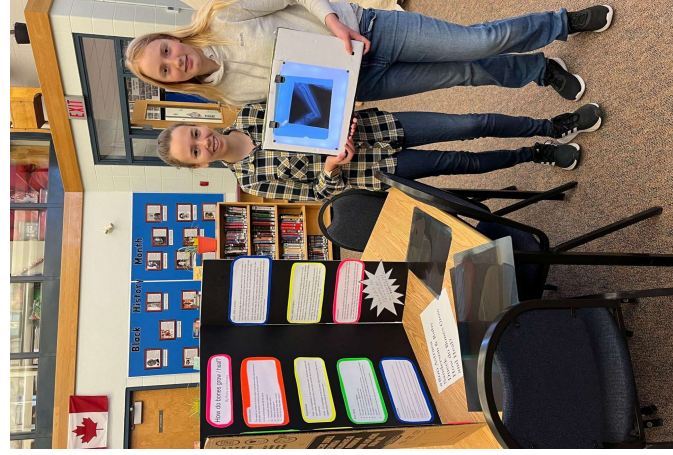
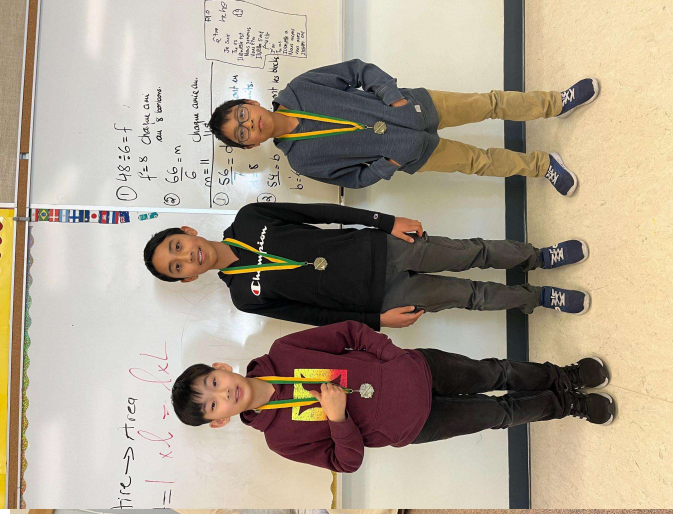




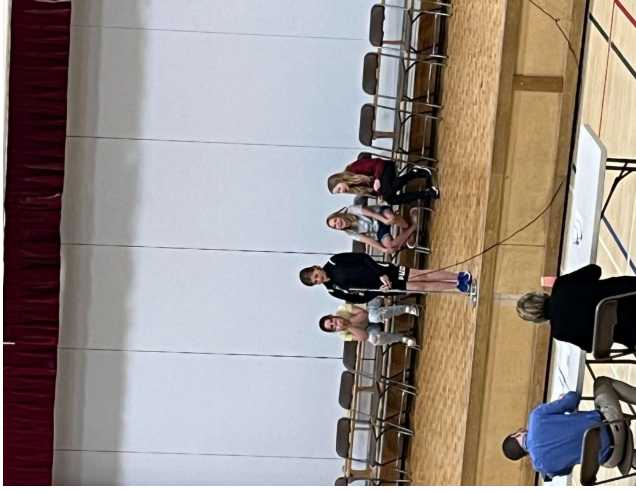
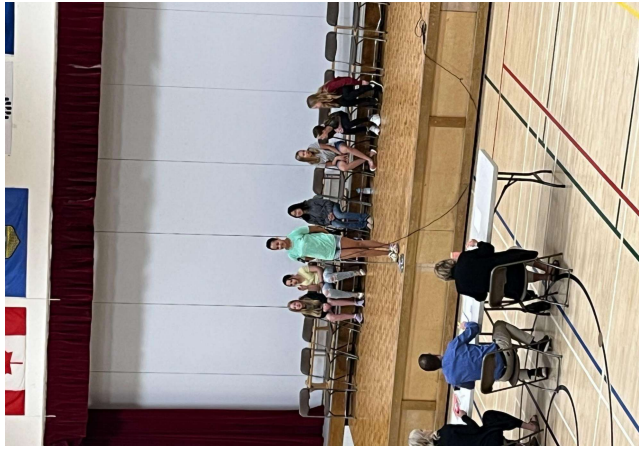
# Visiting Seniors



# Science Fair



# Spelling Bee Competition



# Optional Courses Offered

Students in grade 7 and 8 in French Immersion have the opportunities to take academies throughout the year. For Academy option examples from past years, please visit

[www.deermeadow.ca](http://www.deermeadow.ca) →

Select “Parents & Students” →

Select “Academies”



5-5 / 6-6 Students Time table 2022-2023

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Enter 8:30-8:35 am Advisory 8:40 am					
1 9:00 - 9:37 A.M.	Social 5/6	Science 5 Art 6	Math 5/6	Math 5/6	Music 5 ELA 6
2 9:37 - 10:14 A.M.	Social 5 ELA 6	Science 6 Gym 5	Math 5/6	Math 5/6	Math 5/6
3 10:14 - 10:29 A.M.	RECESS				
3 10:29 - 11:06 A.M.	Social 6 Music 5	Math 5/6	Social 6 Music 5	Science 6 ELA 5	5 Gym 6 Music
4 11:06 - 11:43 A.M.	Social 6 Gym 5	Math 5/6	Social 5 ELA 6	6 gym 5-5 E L A	Science 5/6
5 11:43 A.M. - 12:13 P.M.	5-6 RECESS 7-8 Advisor (11:44-11:59 A.M.) 7-8 French (11:59 A.M. - 12:13 P.M.)				
6 12:13 - 12:43 P.M.	7-8 RECESS 5-6 Tutor (12:13 - 12:28 P.M.) 5-6 Advisory (12:28 - 12:43 P.M.)				
5 12:43 - 1:20 P.M.	French 5/6	Art 5 Music 6	Science 5/6 Mr. Raj	Science 5/6	Social 5/6
6 1:20 - 1:57 P.M.	Math 5/6	Social 5/6	Science 5/6	French 5/6	French 5
7 1:57 - 2:34 P.M.	Math 5/6	French 5/6	French 5/6	French 5/6	French 5/6
8 2:34 - 3:11 P.M.	ELA 5 Gym 6	French 5/6	French 5/6	Library 5/6	Health 5/6
End bell 3:11	HOME				

# Gr. 5 Timetable Example

# What makes us special?

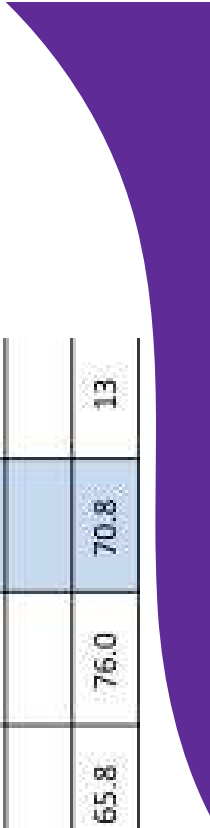
We have the highest provincial achievement results with most students receiving acceptable or exceptional levels of achievement in FLA.

## French LA 6

A Writing	B Reading	Total PAT Score	#
62.7	64.6	63.6	2912
60.2	64.8	62.5	35
65.8	76.0	70.8	13

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# Community Involvement / Leadership



Spring carnival for other schools



Francophone Games



P.U.G Day

# We offer the DELF exam!!

The DELF (diplôme d'études en langue française) exams are six separate diplomas issued by the French Ministry for National Education to certify the French language skills. These diplomas are valid for life.





# The Levels

CECRL	DELFDALF	Utilisateur
C2	DALF C2	Expérimenté
C1	DALF C1	
B2	DELFB2	Indépendant
B1	DELFB1	
A2	DELFA2	Élémentaire
A1	DELFA1	

- These levels exist for every language in Europe!
- Used in Canada as well since about 2011.
- Meant to facilitate labour mobility between different countries in the European Union.

The DELF is the exam specific to French

# DELFI in CESD

Since 2014 CESD has offered DELFI exams to students in grades 8, 10 and 12. We target the following years and levels:

Grade 4 - A1

Grade 8 - A2

Grade 10 - B1

Grade 11 - B2

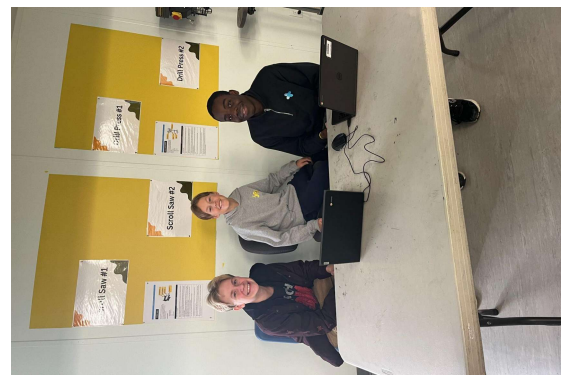
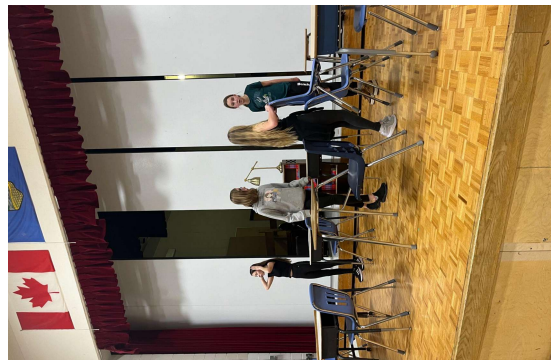


# Why take the DELF exam?

- Taking the DELF exam through the school division is far less expensive than the regular cost and can be done right at school.
- The certificate is a tangible proof of the students language abilities
- It is recognized worldwide.
- Obtaining the DELF B2 provides entrance language tests and credits at several Canadian universities



# Quebec Trip Fundraiser



# Yes we travel !!! Quebec and Montreal April 2024



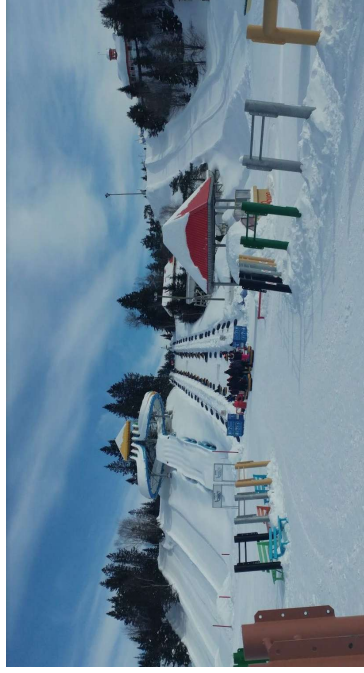
Plains of Abraham museum



Sugar Shack



Chateau Frontenac

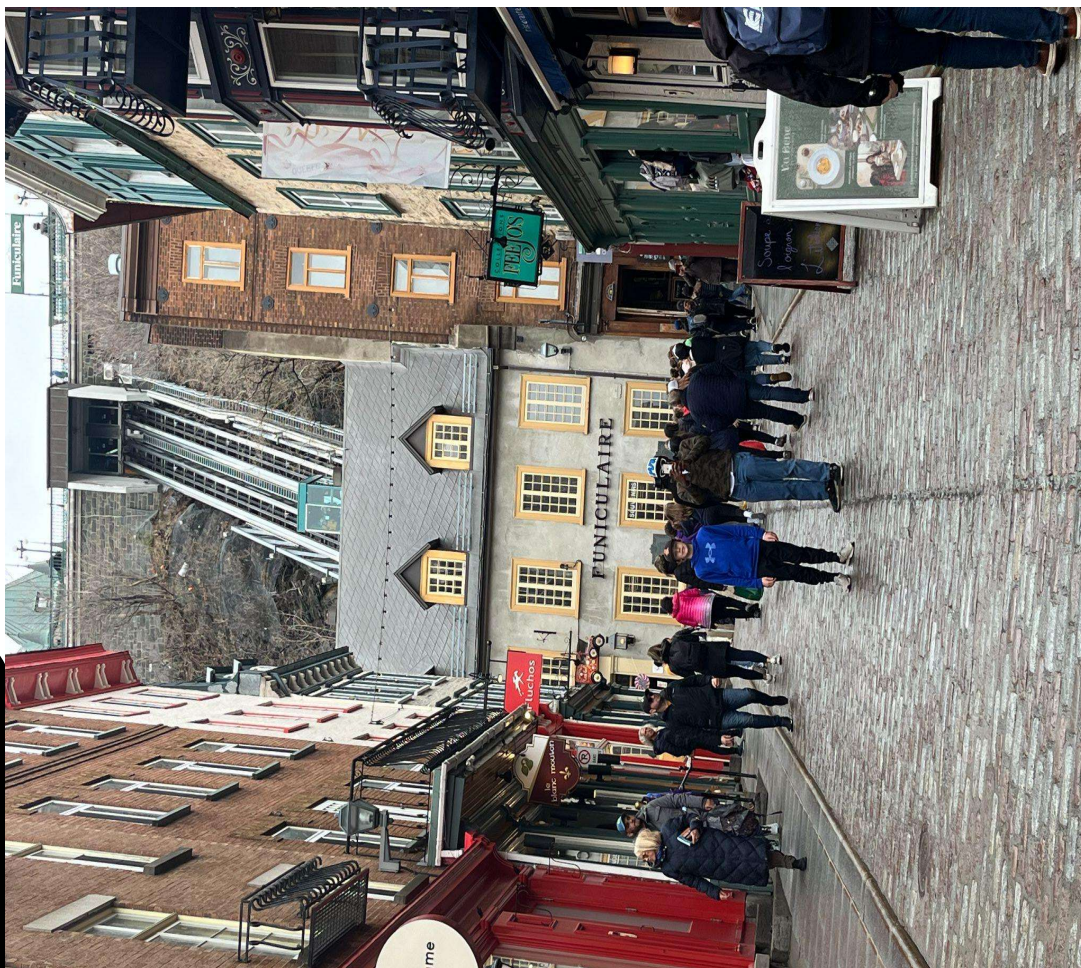
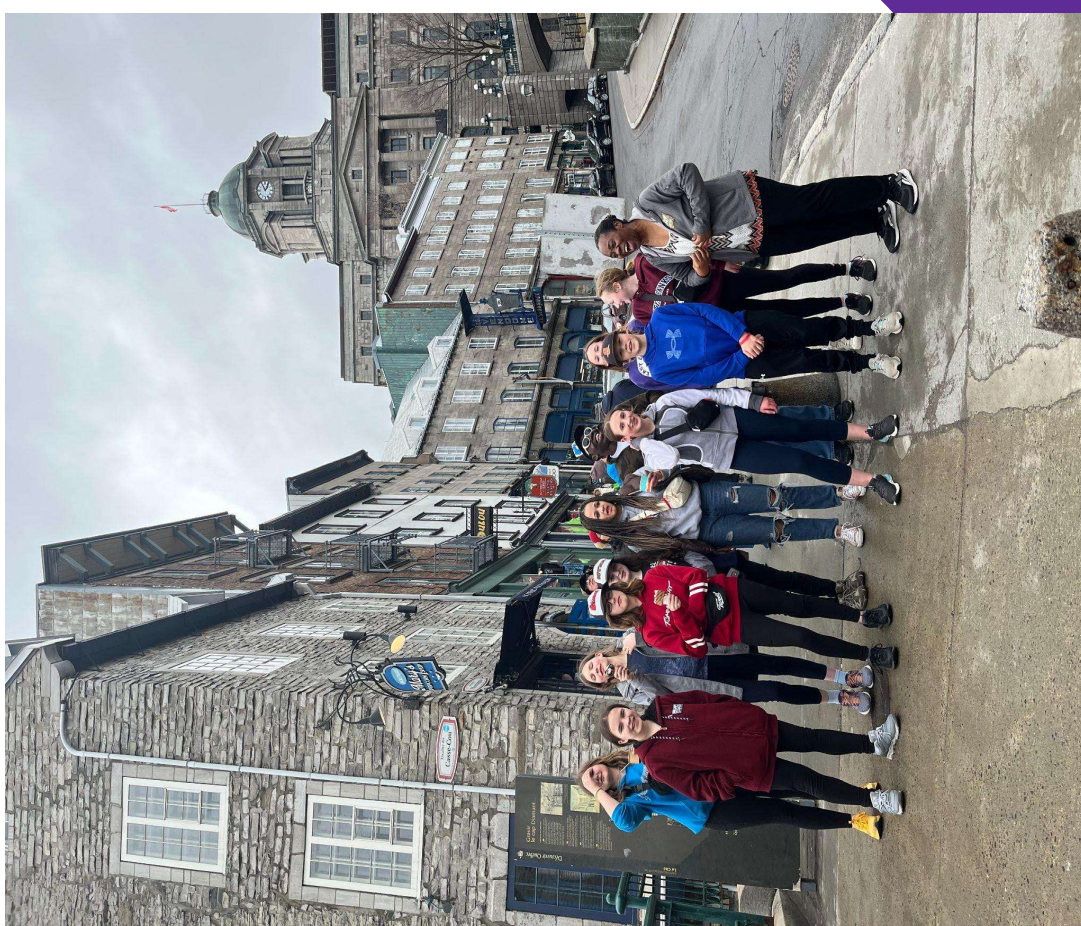


Montreal Olympic Park













**École Olds High  
School  
Grades 9-12  
French Immersion**

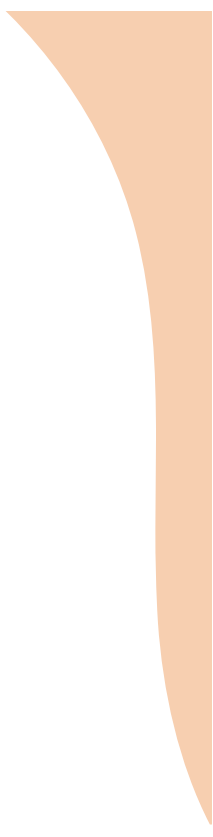


# **Soyez Les Bienvenues!**

Welcome to French Immersion at  
École Olds High

brought to you by:

Ms. Reist, Ms. Smith and Mr. Lorenz



# Courses Offered

- French Language Arts from grade 9 through to grade 12
- Sciences 9 (in French)
- French Vernacular - Practical course which focuses on cultural content and communicating in a variety of situations
- All other classes are in English

Example:

- Grade 9: Sciences 9/FLA 9
- Grade 10: FV 15/FLA 10
- Grade 11: FLA20/FLA 30



**Building electrical circuits in Sciences 9!**



# French Vernacular

Ability to communicate in French in a practical setting, as opposed to an academic context. Lots of cultural content. This course helps to prepare students for DELF exams levels B1 and B2.

- Spoken reception / Listening
- Overall reading comprehension
- Overall spoken production
- Overall spoken interaction Writing.



# DELF certification

## Levels B1 + B2

- Diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education
- This exam takes into account all language skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening)
- Recognized globally as a language standard.
- Recognized as fulfilling French language entrance requirements by French Universities.



We have one awesome graduate this year that has been accepted to university in Lyon, France, next year!

# French Immersion Certificate

Students will attain a CESD French Immersion Certificate upon completion of the French Immersion program.

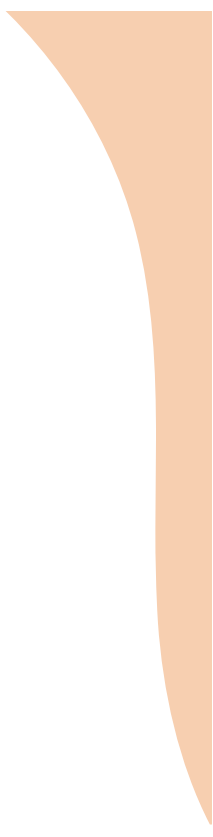
French Immersion Certification requires the completion of the following courses:

- French Language Arts 9, 10-1, 20-1, 30-2
- Sciences 9
- French Vernacular 15



# Our Program's Evolution

- More class time spent using French.
- Greater opportunity to use their French, particularly in an oral capacity.
- Maintain their level of fluency in order to access French courses in post secondary institutions.
- Time for specific DELF preparation.





# Travel Opportunities

- France trip offered every 3 years to high school students (grades 10-12)
- Exchange opportunities available to France and Belgium.



Musée du Louvre



Eiffel Tower

# Canadian Parents for French- Olds chapter

CPF is national network of parents, volunteers, and advocates dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.



# Questions?

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