

French Immersion in Olds

Grade 1 - Grade 12

March 2025

French Immersion Program in Olds

École Olds Elementary
Gr. 1- Gr. 4

École Deer Meadow
Gr. 5-8

École Olds High
Gr. 9-12

Many post
secondary
options!

All Dual Track Schools: English / French Immersion



École Olds Elementary
Grades 1-4
French Immersion

École Olds Elementary School

We are a dual track pre-kindergarten to grade 4 school with 575 students.

- FI Grade 1 – Mme. Brokenshire
- FI Grade 2/3 – Mme. Tulloch
- FI Grade 3/4 – Mme. Adams

- Alanna Sampson – Principal
- Joe Amundrud – Vice Principal

Did you know that Olds Elementary French Immersion starts in Gr. 1?

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, such as *Folklofolie*
- Maintain and improve their competencies in English.
- Have greater opportunity to understand Canadian culture through both official languages

Mandatory Courses

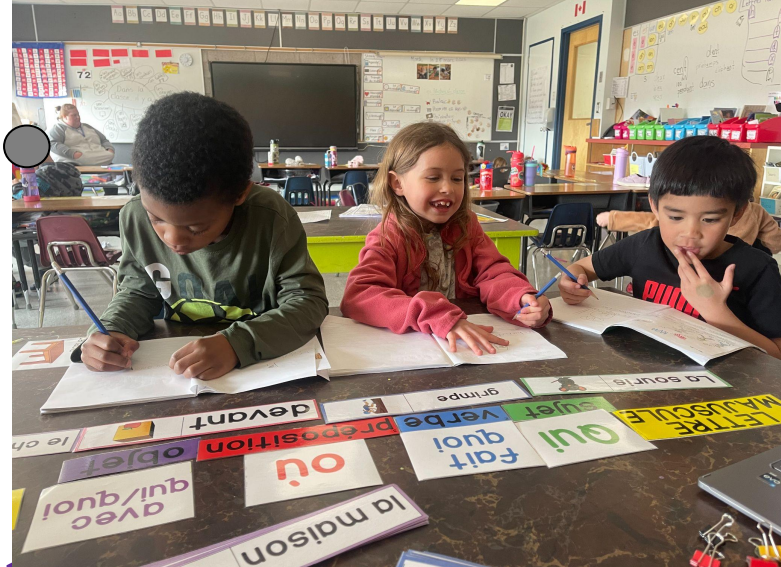
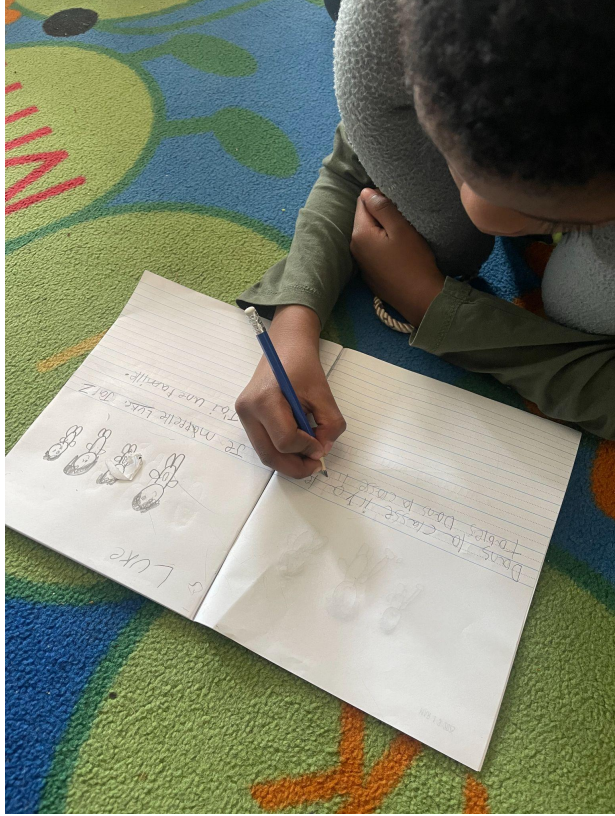
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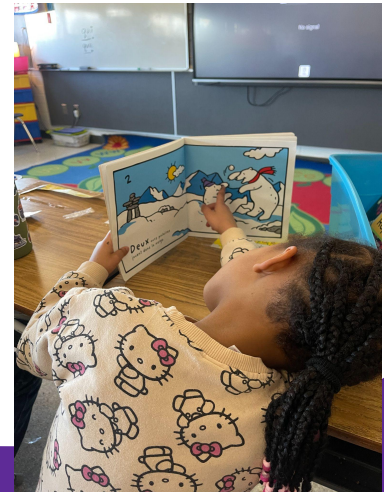
- French Language Arts
- English Language Arts (Starting in Gr. 3)
- Mathématiques
- Sciences
- Études Sociales
- Physical education



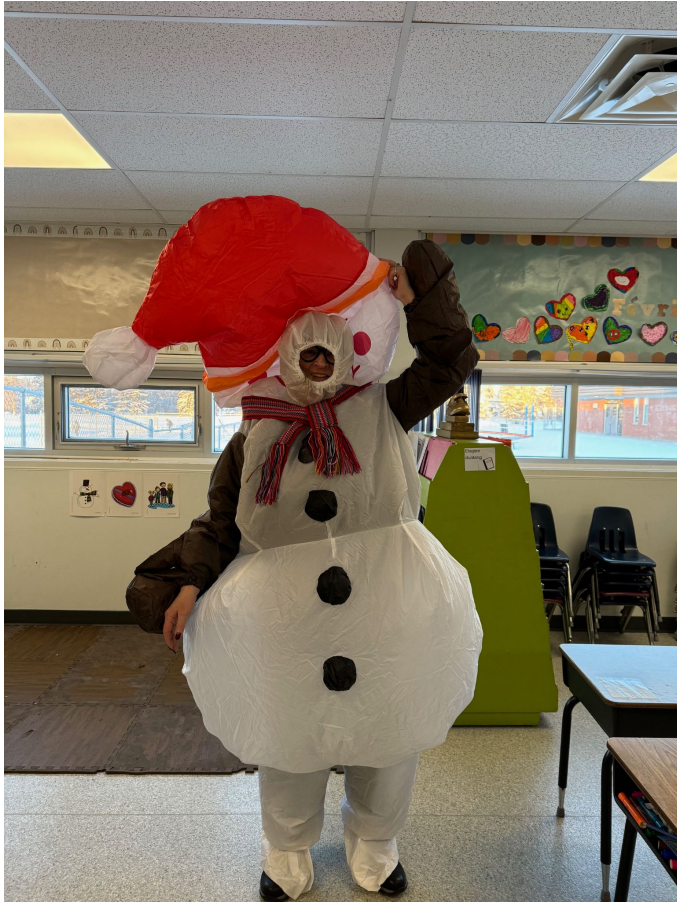
DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) is an official, globally recognized certification of French proficiency for non-native speakers.

- administered in over 175 countries
- demonstrates a student's practical French skills
- fostering confidence
- lifetime certification provides concrete, internationally recognized proof of French language ability
- the extra costs of the DELF testing are covered by École Olds Elementary School











École Deer Meadow School
Grades 5-8
French Immersion



École Deer Meadow School

We are a dual track grade 5 to grade 8 school with 460 students.

- FI Grade 5/6 – Mme. Nyota Shamvu
- FI Grade 7/8 – Mr. Kais Saadaoui

- Mr. Allan Whitehead – Principal
- Ms. Jennifer Jackson – Vice Principal

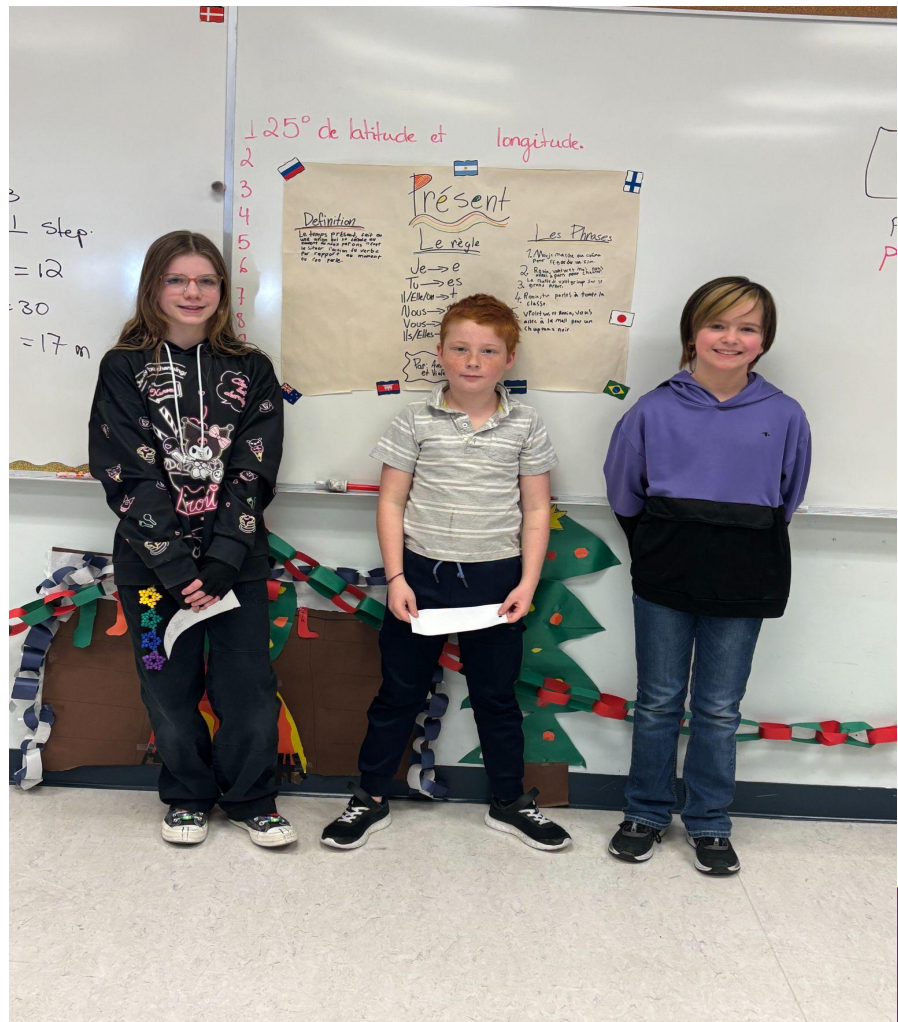
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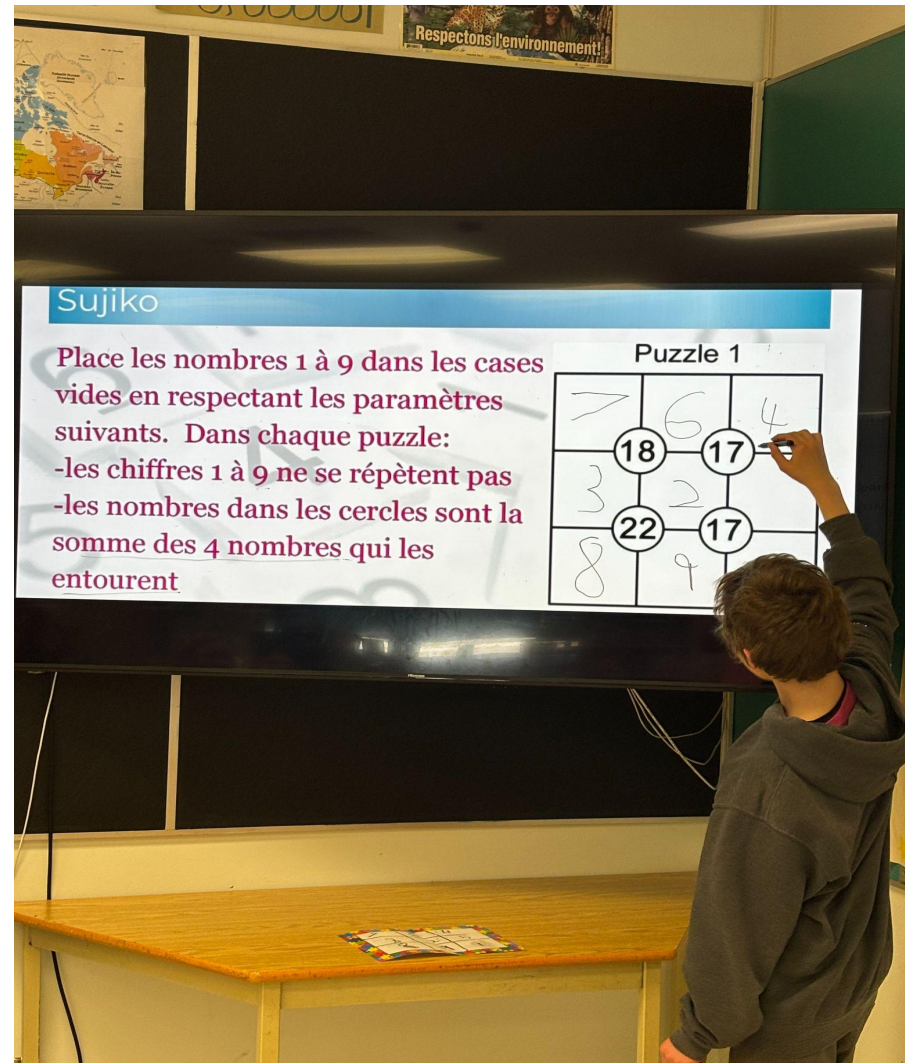
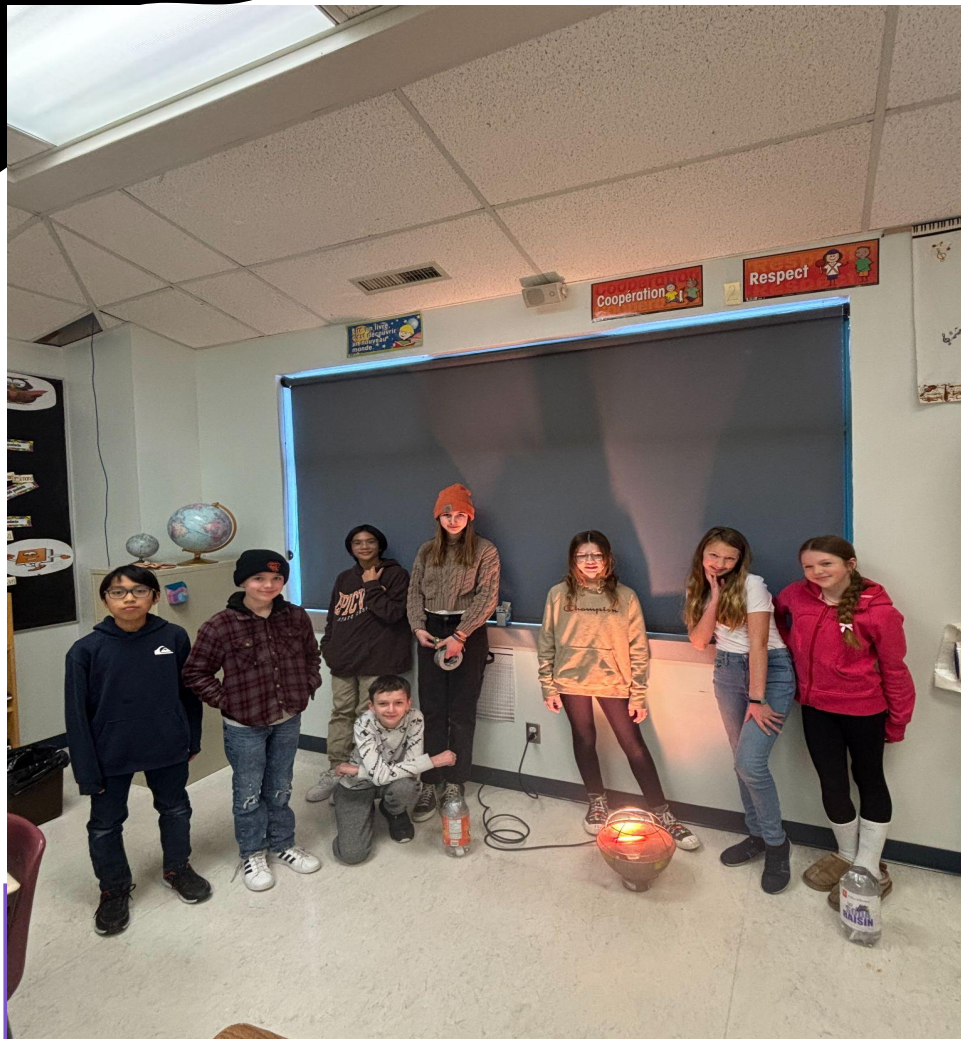
- French Language Arts
- English Language Arts
- Mathématiques
- Sciences
- Études Sociales (Social Studies)
- Physical education





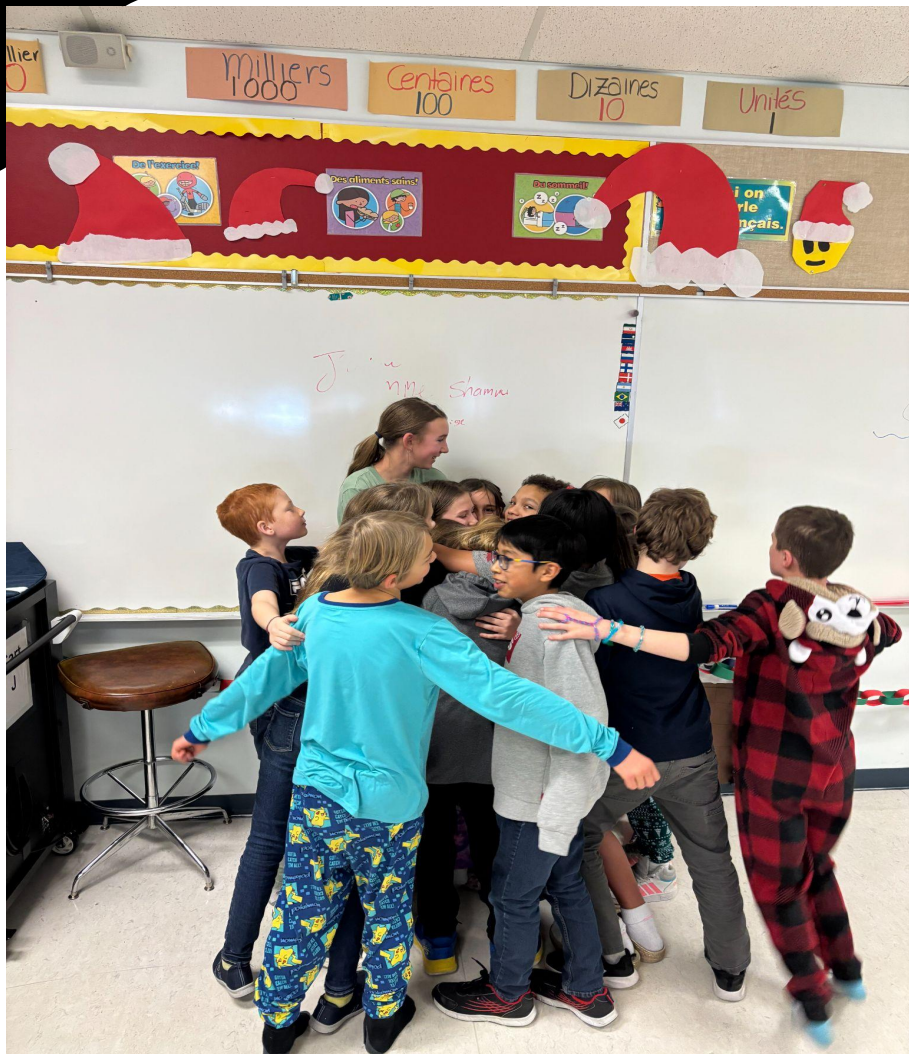


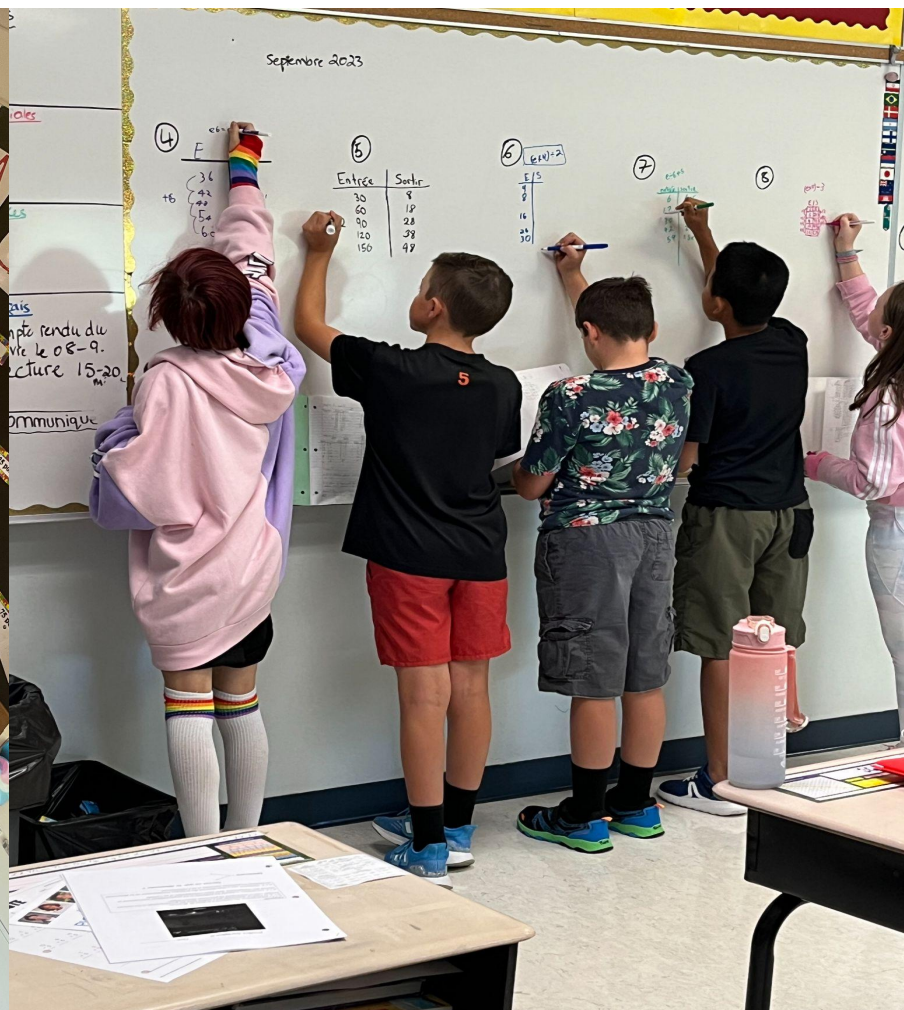


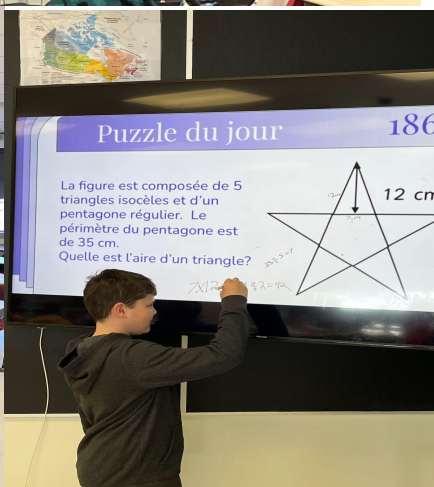
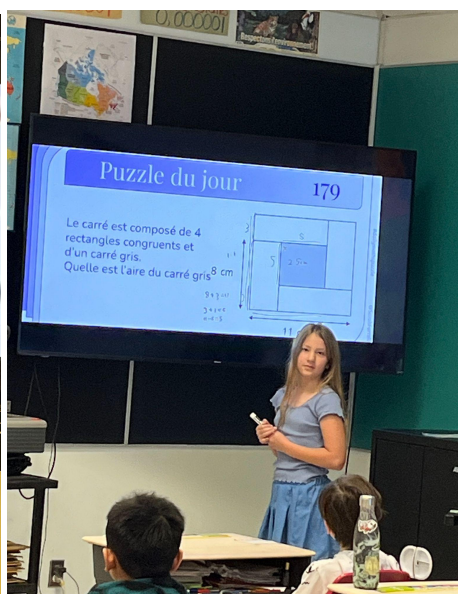
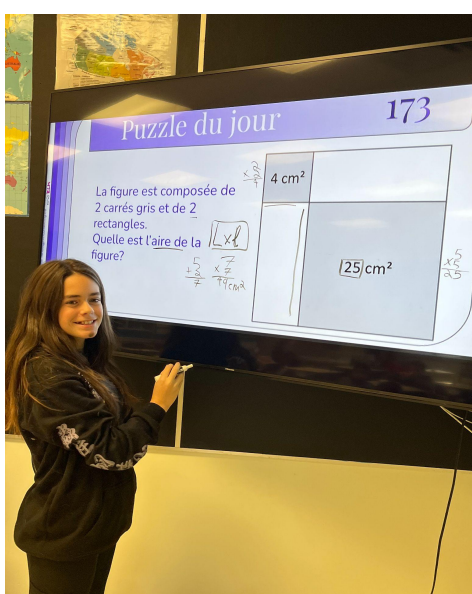
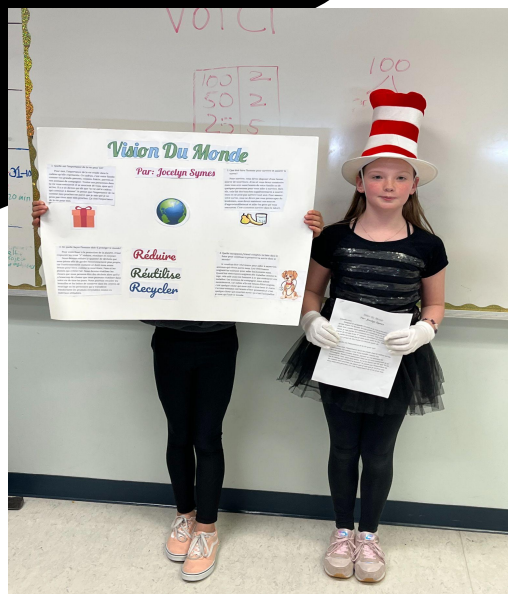


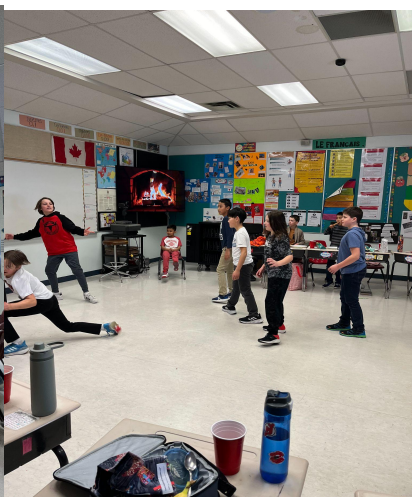


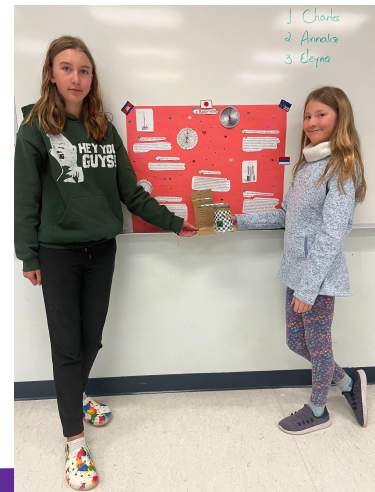
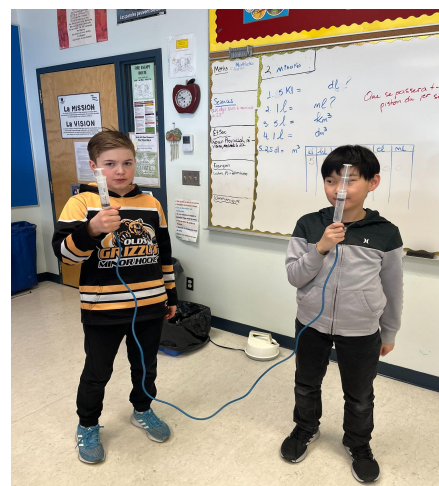
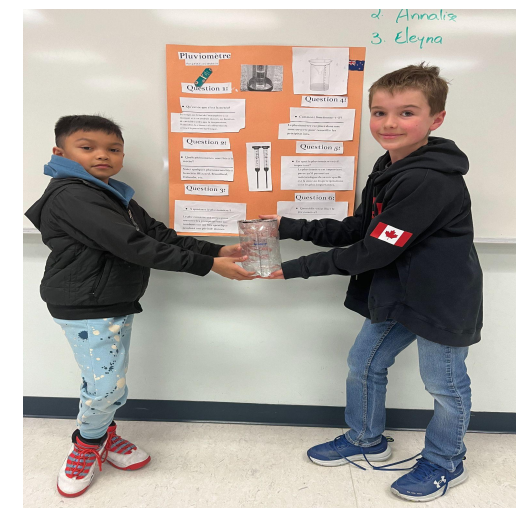
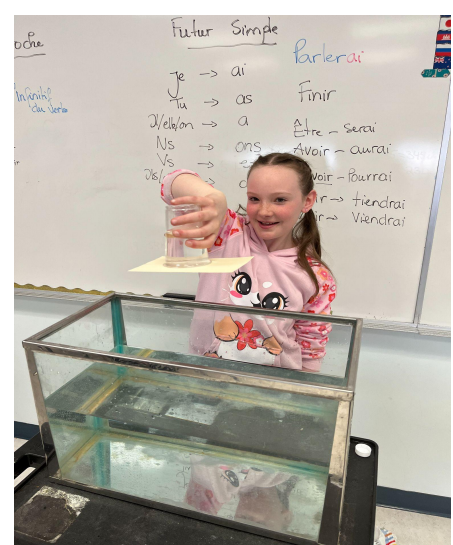








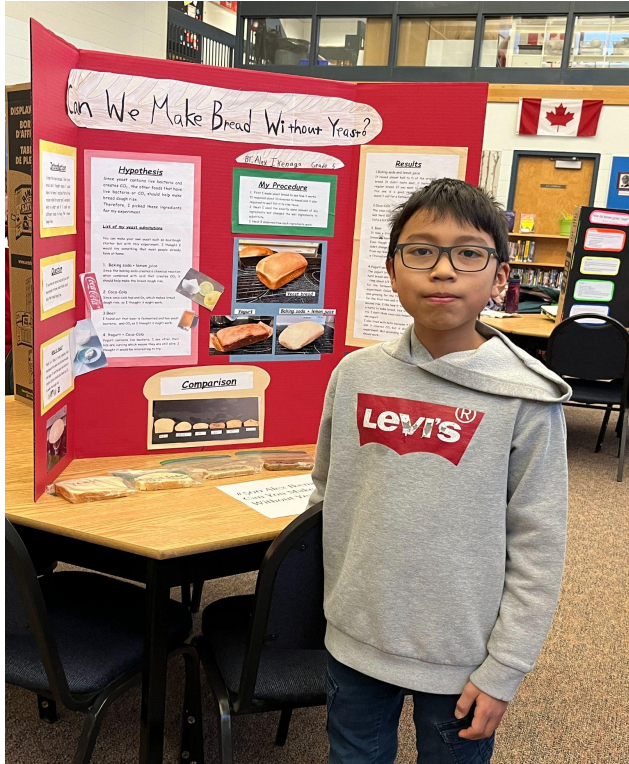




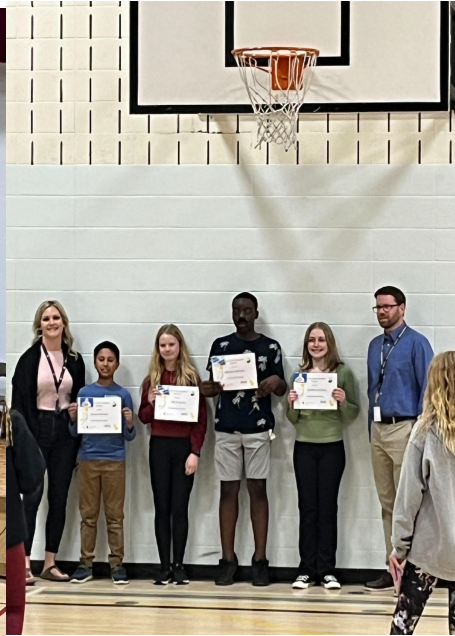
Visiting Seniors



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 →

Select “Parents & Students” →

Select “Academies”

Gr. 5 Timetable Example

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2022/2023

Teacher: *[Signature]*

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

	TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Entry 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
	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	<i>6 gym??</i> <i>5-5 ELA</i>	Science 5/6
	11:43 A.M. - 12:13 P.M.	5/6 RECESS 7/8 Advisory (11:44-11:59 A.M.) 7/8 Lunch (11:59 A.M. - 12:13 P.M.)				
	12:13 - 12:43 P.M.	7/8 RECESS 5/6 Lunch (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				

What makes us special?

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

Alberta
CESD

EDMS

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

Community Involvement / Leadership



Spring carnival for other schools



P.U.G Day



Francophone Games

Francophone Games

May 9-11 2025!



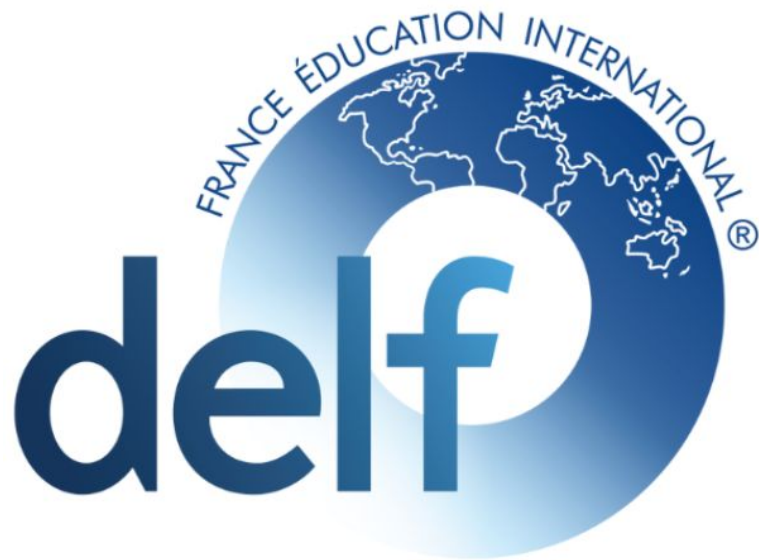
GR. 7-12

Competing against all other zones in the province. **Go ZONE 2!**

Events include:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
 - Soccer
- Badminton
 - Kinball
- Ultimate Frisbee
 - Music
- Visual Arts
 - Improv.

**What makes us special
is also... DELF**



What is the DELF? (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française)

DELF are diplomas, issued by the French Ministry for National Education, provide lifetime certification of French language skills.

These exams, available in over 183 countries, evaluate listening, speaking, reading, and writing abilities.



DEL F in CESD

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

CEFR	DEL F / DALF	User
A1	DEL F A1	Basic
A2	DEL F A2	
B1	DEL F B1	Independent
B2	DEL F B2	
C1	DALF C1	Proficient
C2	DALF C2	

Grade 8 – A2

Grade 10 – B1

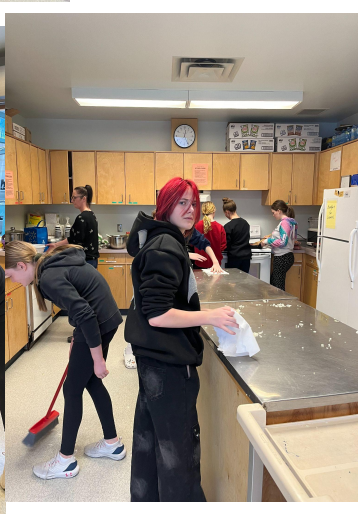
Grade 12 (or in the year they take FLA 30)– B2

Why take the DELF exam?

DELF certification offers our students globally recognized, lifetime proof of their French language proficiency. This valuable credential not only provides tangible evidence of their abilities but also opens doors to future opportunities, as a DELF B2 can satisfy language requirements and even earn university credits.



Quebec Trip Fundraiser



Yes we travel !!!

Quebec and Montreal April 2026



Plains of Abraham museum



Sugar Shack



Chateau Frontenac




Montreal Olympic Park













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



École Olds High School

We are a dual track grade 9 to grade 12 school with 600 students.

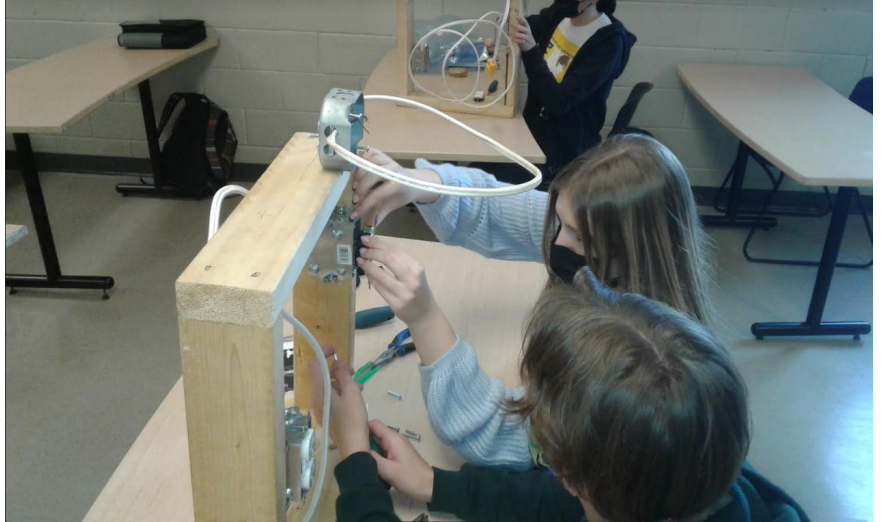
- FI Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 – Mme. Hillier & M. Jackson
- Meaghan Reist– Principal
- Shelley Sayers – Vice Principal
- Jana Kemmere – Vice Principal

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

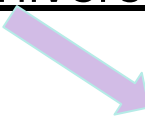
Course helps students to communicate in a variety of contexts, with a focus on cultural content. This course helps to prepare students for DELF exams levels B1 and B2.

- 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 Francophone Universities.



I have at least two former graduates that are in post-secondary programs in French right now!

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

Exchange Opportunities

- Reciprocal exchange to France through BelCanFran:
<https://www.belcanfran.com/>
- Summer exchange through “Explore” program:
<https://englishfrench.ca/explore/>



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BILINGUISME EN ACTION | BILINGUALISM IN ACTION

For more information about French Immersion in Central Alberta, how to support your student and post-secondary options, click [HERE](https://shorturl.at/4fyLK) to visit the FRANCA site.

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**French Immersion
Regional
Alliance and
Network for
Central
Alberta**

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.

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Thank you
for coming!