

For more information...

GRADE 6 LATE  
**French  
Immersion**  
(LFI)  
2009/10

In 2009/10  
Late French Immersion  
programs will be offered at  
the following elementary  
schools:

Homma Elementary  
5100 Brunswick Dr., V7E 6K9  
Phone: 604-668-7844

Whiteside Elementary  
9282 Williams Rd., V7A 1H1  
Phone: 604-668-6209



School District No. 38  
RICHMOND

WHAT

## Parents Say

Why did you choose to enroll your child in Late French Immersion?

I wanted her to have a challenge and to spend each day learning something new, regardless of the subject. Also, I liked the idea of having her continue in the program in high school with a group of kids she will know well.

Vera Ashmore

What has your child gained from Late French Immersion?

A new language and culture which has given him appreciation for diversity and the confidence that he can learn anything he sets his mind to!

Sal Bhullar

Would you recommend this for other children?

Most definitely! The progress in language skills in just three months is impressive and I am very happy with the level of enjoyment she has gained from learning in French.

Marilyn Billingham-Tessier

Surely. Our youngest son can hardly wait to join LFI next year!

Ivan and Carol Chung

WHAT

## Students Say

What was it like starting in Grade 6 Late French Immersion (LFI)?

I look back on the time when I started LFI in Grade 6 and I remember that I was pretty new, so I didn't know too many people. It was a little scary at first, but after we all got to know each other, it turned out to be a great experience for me.

Jennifer Tull

What is it like to learn French in the LFI program?

I have learned to speak a lot of French! Now know three languages. I understand and write them, so I am really happy for myself.

Ana Pacheco

Why is it a good thing to learn French?

For one thing, it's a lot of fun. And the second thing is that it is interesting to learn another language.

Melanie Rindt

It's a great way to learn the other official language of Canada!

Sydney Yuen

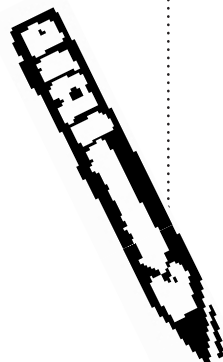
## What's it like in Late French Immersion?

### GRADE 6

- For the first few months, you'll learn a LOT of French! Listening, talking, reading and writing will help you learn the language. Your bilingual teacher will teach all the subjects in French. The teacher will use a lot of expression and actions to help you understand.
- At first you'll speak to your new classmates in English, but before too long, you'll feel comfortable using French to learn and have fun at school.

### GRADE 7

- All of the other subjects will be taught in French, except English Language Arts. You'll study the regular Grade 7 curriculum and continue to improve your French.



HIGH SCHOOL AT MCROBERTS OR MCMATH  
DEPENDING ON YOUR CATCHMENT

- In Grade 8, your class will join French Immersion students from six elementary schools. You'll take 8 courses in total: 3 in French and 5 in English. French Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies are taken in French. Grade 8 Mathematics may also be taken in French. By Grade 12, 7 out of 8 of your courses will be taken in English.

## Top five reasons for going into Late French Immersion

1. Experience the challenge of learning in a new language!
2. Develop a "bilingual brain": learn to understand and communicate well in both French and English.
3. Meet new friends from all over Richmond.

4. Learn about French cultures.
5. Earn a Bilingual Dogwood Certificate when you graduate from Grade 12.

## Important Dates to Note

- January 15: Neighbourhood schools begin accepting applications for Alternate Programs (EFI/LFI/Montessori).
- February 5: Deadline by 4:00 p.m. for Alternate Programs application. After this date contact Karen Chang by phone at 604-668-6088 or email [kchang@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kchang@sd38.bc.ca).
- February 10: District-wide draws take place for Early/Late Immersion and Montessori. Parents will be informed by email of their child's acceptance in the program.
- March 1: Deadline for parents to confirm acceptance of the placement assigned through the district-wide draw process.

PARENTS &  
STUDENTS

# Welcome!

For further information, come out to one of our information meetings or call Diane Tijman, Coordinator of French Programs (604-668-6055).  
Email [dtijman@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:dtijman@sd38.bc.ca)

### PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Thursday, January 28, 2010  
Whiteside Elementary,  
9282 Williams Rd.

This meetings will be held from 7-8 p.m.

