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**École Campbelltown
School Council (ÉCSC) &
Parent Liaison Association (ÉCPAL) Meeting
Tuesday, September 7
7 p.m.
All parents are invited to attend.**

Welcome Back!

After a terrific summer, staff at École Campbelltown are excited to be back at school. We hope that your family is also excited about the start of a new school year.

There have been a few changes over the summer with teachers changing classrooms, teachers changing grades, and people who are new to our staff.

To help you, here is a list of our staff and their assignments:

- ECS:** Mme Corsi & Mme Hicks (EA)
Mme Morin & Mme Coulombe (EA)
- 1F:** Mme Fortin
- 1L:** Mme Lambert
- 1P:** Mme Proulx & Mme Bambush (EA)
- 2B:** Mme Bourgoin
- 2F:** Mme Flynn
- 2M:** Mlle Murray
- 2N:** M. Ndahiro
- 3E:** Mme Stroemich
- 3H:** Mlle Hänninen
- 3S:** Mme Sutherland
- 4B:** Mme Bianchini (Rubuliak)
- 4G:** Mme Gourley
- 5L:** M. Layton
- 5S:** Mme Sauder

- 6A:** Mme Atchison
- 6D:** Mme Deloisy/Mlle Rickey

Mme Derksen : English 2B, 2M
Mme Gerow : Principal, Choir
Mme Hewitt : Assistant Principal, 4G FLA & Art
Mlle Mitchell : Music, ECS, 1,2 & 4G English
Mme Natos: Learning Assistance & 3S FLA
Mme Pickering: Music 3,4,5,6 & Choir 1-6
Mme Chizewski: Library Technician
Mme Viney: Secretary
Mme Wheeler: Secretary

Early Dismissal Times

Our students are dismissed at 2:15 on the first Wednesday of every month to facilitate staff meeting. The first early dismissal day will be Wednesday, September 1st.

Bell Times

Changes by Student Transportation to bus schedules mean that our bell times had to be slightly adjusted. Buses arrive at 8:25 with the first bell ringing at 8:27. Lunch time is from 12:03 until 12:51 and the dismissal bell is at 3:15.

Here are the times for our daily schedule:

Grades 1 to 6

Bus arrival	8:25 a.m.
Entry Alert bell	8:27 a.m.
2 nd bell	8:30 a.m.
Announcements	8:32 a.m.
Morning class commences	8:38 a.m.
Periods 1 – 3	8:38 – 10:14 a.m.
Morning Recess	10:14 – 10:27 a.m.
Periods 4 – 6	10:27 – 12:03 p.m.
Noon Break	12:03 – 12:51 p.m.

Periods 7 – 8	12:54 – 1:58 p.m.
Afternoon Recess	1:58 – 2:11 p.m.
Periods 9 – 10	2:11 – 3:15 p.m.
Dismissal bell	3:15 p.m.
Buses Depart	3:23 p.m.

Kindergarten (ECS)

Morning bus arrival	8:25 a.m.
Morning class commences	8:30 a.m.
Morning announcements	8:32 a.m.
Morning class dismissal	11:20 a.m.
Morning bus pick up	11:25 a.m.
Afternoon bus arrival	12:16 p.m.
Afternoon class commences	12:21 p.m.
Afternoon class dismissal	3:10 p.m.
Afternoon bus arrival	3:15 p.m.

Outside Doors

With the changes we have made in classroom assignments, it is now possible for each grade to have their own outside door which will be used in the morning, at recesses and at the end of the day. If you bring your child to school, we really appreciate your walking them to their own door and then waiting with them outside until the bell rings. (Because all of our ECS students will be entering and exiting by the front doors, it will ease congestion if other grades use their own doors.)

Students Arriving Late

If you children arrive late, after the second bell has rung at 8:30, please make sure that they enter by the front doors and check in at the office before going to class.

Lunch Hour Change

Starting on *Tuesday, August 31st*, we will be trying an experiment which should lessen playground problems during the noon hour outside recess. Grades 1 to 3 students will eat first, and then go outside to play. Students in Grades 4 to 6 will go out to play first and then

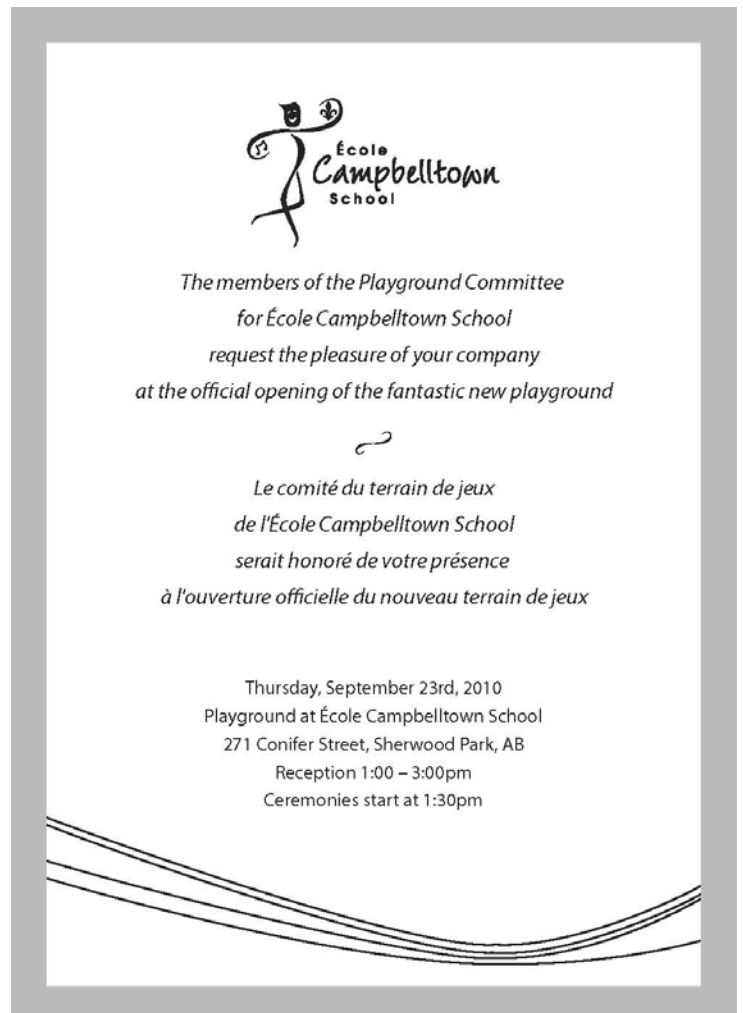
come in to eat. We will be monitoring the success of this change.

On Early Dismissal days, all students will eat at the beginning of the lunch hour to facilitate the hot lunch program.

New Playground

Everyone is very excited about the new playground which was planned and fundraised for by our terrific Campbelltown parents. (Please watch for information about the Official Opening on September 23rd.)

This week, teachers took grade groups outside to let students know about the rules for the playground and to give them the chance to try the equipment out. For the next two weeks there will a schedule so that everyone will have the chance to try it out, without it being too



crowded for students to have fun.

Technology Challenges

Our secretaries are working hard to master a new computer program, PowerSchool, which changes many of the office working procedures. Because this system is just being implemented, school fee sheets and student information sheets will not be sent home until at least the middle of the month.

Another change made necessary by this new program is that when you know in advance that your child will be absent from school, you must notify the office. Of course, we do thank you for also giving this information to the teacher, but it is essential that the office be notified directly.

The 3Rs: Character Counts at École Campbelltown

Our school will be focusing on three important ideas throughout the year: Respect, Responsibility, and Role Modelling.

Throughout the week, each classroom has spent time discussing what these ideas mean as well as how we demonstrate them at school. These three ideas will form the basis of the rules in each classroom as well as in the school at large.

Our staff is committed to demonstrating the 3Rs with our students, with our school community, and with our colleagues. We invite you to join with us in demonstrating that École Campbelltown is a respectful and responsible community.

Parlez-vous français?

This year we are beginning some new initiatives to encourage our students to increase the use of French in the school. Not only will we continue to conduct all of the announcements and assemblies in French, but our staff has also

committed to speaking in French in the hallways throughout the day.

Students are also expected to speak in French as much as possible. In order to encourage students, our staff is listening for students who are speaking in French in the hallways, in the boot rooms, on the playground, or on the bus. When a staff member hears a student using French, he/she may give the student a special ticket to be entered into a weekly draw. Please support our French initiative by encouraging your child to speak in French at school and by celebrating with them when they do so!

More School Info

Our website, www.campbelltown.ca contains much information about our school. If you can't find what you need there, please call the office or drop by at any time to speak with us. We are more than happy to answer any questions that you might have.

We Are Nut Aware

Please remember that we are a **Nut Aware school**. This means that we do not accept any products containing nuts into our classrooms or school. Complete guidelines regarding this practice can be found in our agenda book. The policy can also be downloaded from our website. We will also be reviewing this policy with our students in class. If you have any questions about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Many "offenses" occur when we have students wanting to bring a treat for the class to celebrate a birthday. The following is a list of a few items that are an excellent choice for a treat for a birthday:

- Chapman's ice cream bars or popsicles
- Nestlé chocolate bars (Kit Kat, Smarties or Aero)
- Suckers (check to make sure that they are safe)
- Most chips or Cheezies
- Fresh fruit kabobs

Milk Sales

Our milk program resumes on Wednesday, September 8th. The cost is \$7.50 for 10 milk tickets. It would be sincerely appreciated if you could please send a cheque or exact change with your child for purchase of these tickets. These may be purchased in the office each morning after announcements.

ECSC News – École Campbelltown School Council

Hi and welcome to the 2010 / 2011 new school year. We are the Ecole Campbelltown School Council (ECSC) and as a guardian of an Ecole Campbelltown student, you are automatically a member as well. The ECSC is the parent group that works together with the Principal and school staff on matters that concern this school. We hold meetings in the school library on the Tuesday evening following the early dismissal week. Child care is available for \$2/child, RSVP is required through email to ecolecsc@hotmail.com

The executive and committee heads are as follows:

Chairperson – Shereen Grubb

Vice Chairperson – Vivian Vigfusson

Treasurer – Karena Eccles

Secretary – David Babowal

Fundraising Coordinator – Vivian Vigfusson

Hot Lunch – Rhonda Klukas-Roberts & Joy Gossel

Book Fairs – Katrina Damiano & Vivian Vigfusson

Beautification Committee – vacant

The executive and committee heads of this school council are a group of very dedicated parents who work closely together on many school matters. We share a passion for our school and our children. If you would like to be a part of the decision-making process in this school, please attend our meetings. The first one is in the school library:

Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

- A face to face introduction of the Council Executive.
- A review of the mission statement and purpose of the ECSC.
- School and Trustee reports for important updates

Following the ECSC meeting we will hold the Ecole Campbelltown Parent Liaison Association Meeting (ECPLA) with the same executive as the ECSC. The ECPLA is the fundraising and financial support organization for many of the extras that make our great school even more fantastic! The first ECPLA meeting of the year is very important as major decisions on planned fundraisers and allocation of funding/expenditures to Ecole Campbelltown will take place. We would appreciate input and suggestions with this process.

Finally, we RAPIDLY need to find two room reps per classroom to complete the council.

The duties of the room reps consist of:

- Identifying yourself as the room rep to the other parents of the class
- Collecting email addresses of each student guardian in the class
- Helping the teacher of the class obtain volunteers when requested
- Helping the Hot Lunch Coordinator get two volunteers for each class on Hot Lunch day.

If you would like to volunteer to be the room rep in your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. It would be ideal to have at least two parents from each class room to act as room representatives.

If you have any questions, I am Shereen Grubb and my phone number is 467-0913.

Telling Tales – Fine Arts Programming

We are very pleased to share that we were successful in our grant application for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts grant. Our proposal was a resounding success! Thank you to all of the parents who were involved in preparing the proposal. Way to go, team!

This year, our fine arts program will focus the idea of storytelling. Gilbert Parent will be teaching students about traditional storytelling on September 14-16, in which each grade level will learn their own Francophone story. Our fabulous fine arts teachers will have the students retell those stories using traditional methods of that artistic medium.

Our fine arts program will culminate with a Fine Arts Cabaret evening in March. Please keep reading the newsletter for more information when we are closer to this date.

Student Transportation News

Video Monitoring on School Buses - In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33* and in conjunction with the enforcement of Student Transportation bus rules, video monitoring equipment is in place on all Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) buses. Video/audio recordings of individuals on buses are for the safety and security of all passengers, drivers, and property, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

If you have any questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, please contact EIPS' FOIP Coordinator, 683 Wye Road, Sherwood Park, AB T8B 1N2 780-417-8204.

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to tell, at a glance, whether a specific bus route is On Time, Running Late, or Cancelled.

L'Épluchette de Blé d'Inde

All students will participate in this activity on **Friday, September 10th**. This event is sponsored and planned by our hard-working school council. If you would like to help out, please contact Shereen Grubb, our school council chair.

Students will be shucking corn, looking for the specially marked cob which will indicate that he/she is King/Queen of the festival. This activity is one of several francophone traditions that we celebrate at our school.

Meet The Staff

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, September 16th** from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. This is a chance to get to meet your child's new teacher and to see the classroom.

Terry Fox Run

Who better represents courage and hope than a real Canadian hero, Terry Fox?

In September, our school will be just one of many that will be supporting the Terry Fox Run. Please join us at our assembly on **Thursday, September 30th**, at 1 p.m. in the gymnasium. Students are asked to bring a "toonie for Terry" that day.

Kindergarten Registration for 2011-2012

On **Monday, September 13th** we will begin accepting registrations for our kindergarten program for the 2011-2012 school year. In order for your child to register, they must be five years of age by March 1st 2012. A registration form is available on our website. The registration form must be accompanied by a copy of your child's birth certificate. Please contact our office if you have any questions. Remember that the number of morning

placements available are limited and are often much in demand.

Learn Alberta

LearnAlberta.ca (<http://www.learnalberta.ca>) supports lifelong learning by providing quality online resources to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 community in Alberta. Students, teachers, and parents can use the site to find multimedia learning resources that are correlated to the Alberta programs of study.

Some of the resources on LearnAlberta.ca are licensed by Alberta Education for authorized users only. Therefore, the Web site is password protected. In order to access this website at home, parents and students will need to enter the jurisdiction user ID and password. This information is included below. Please feel free to post this information near your computer.

UserID: LA15

Password: 3950

Safety and Security

At École Campbelltown School, we do all we can to ensure that our students are safe. You can help us do this by:

- ensuring that the office has current emergency contact phone numbers.
- ensuring that you have advised the office about any medical conditions (including allergies). If your child requires special medication at school, please submit a 'Medication/Personal Care Request and Authorization Form' to the office.
- calling the school office if your child is going to be absent or late. We do a child check, but it is very time-consuming to call all the homes that have not telephoned in advance.
- discussing the importance of following school safety procedures and student conduct expectations with your children. (These may be found in the student handbook.)

If you need to make special arrangements for children who are normally bused, please make arrangements with Student Transportation (780-417-8151) as we are not authorized to accept notes or phone calls as official requests. If an emergency arises during the day, please inform us before 3:00 p.m. Also, if you pick up your child during the school day, please be sure to sign out your child in the office.

The following procedures help to keep our students safe:

- Cars are not allowed in the driveway in front of the school while buses are dropping off or picking up students. The driveway is for bus use only. (Please note times on the posted signs)
- Do not drop off or pick up your children from the parking lot behind the school. This area is reserved for staff parking.
- Please park on the street if you wish to walk your child to their exterior door. Do not park in the marked crosswalks.
- Please set a good example for our students by making use of the sidewalks to walk into the school.
- Please do your best to help your children arrive at school by 8:27 in the morning. Students wait for the first bell outside of their assigned door. Kindergarten students enter by the front main doors.

School Patrols

Our morning patrollers do a vital job, ensuring that students who walk to school can cross the street safely. It is important that parents as well as students obey patrollers' signs and follow their instructions.

Volunteers in School

Before you volunteer in the school, we ask that you make sure you have completed a volunteer form. We ask that every volunteer wear a nametag, available in the office. When you arrive to volunteer, please sign in at the office and wear one of these tags. This helps us keep

track of all the people in our school and to identify anyone quickly. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)
Local Jurisdiction: Elk Island Public Schools
Regional Division No.14,
Province of Alberta
NOTICE is hereby given that NOMINATION DAY is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the office of PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE will be received at Elk Island Public Schools Central Services, 683 Wye Road, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8B 1N2, the local jurisdiction office, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Nomination Day. Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Board of Trustees consists of nine (9) members to be elected from the following wards and electoral subdivisions. Notice is hereby given that nominations for the

election of candidates will be accepted for the filling of the following offices:
ONE (1) trustee from the western portion of the County of Minburn No. 27 Ward
ONE (1) trustee from Lamont County No. 30 Ward
TWO (2) trustees from Electoral Subdivision No. 1, comprised of lands within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Saskatchewan
FIVE (5) trustees from Strathcona County, which is divided into the following electoral subdivisions:
THREE (3) trustees from Electoral Subdivision No. 2, comprised of lands within the Hamlet of Sherwood Park;
ONE (1) trustee from Electoral Subdivision No. 3, comprised of lands lying north of Secondary Highway 630, excepting those lands within the Hamlet of Sherwood Park; and
ONE (1) trustee from Electoral Subdivision No. 4, comprised of lands lying south of Secondary Highway 630, excepting those lands within the Hamlet of Sherwood Park.

Dated at Sherwood Park in the Province of Alberta this 27 day of August 2010.

Tanya J. Orr, Returning Officer

Candidate Information Guide

To help public school trustee candidates prepare for the October 18, 2010 election, a Candidate Information Guide (which includes Nomination Papers) is available on the website, www.eips.ca, or at the local jurisdiction office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at:

Elk Island Public Schools, 683 Wye Road,
Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8B 1N2
Telephone: (780) 464-3477
Email: communications@ei.educ.ab.ca
www.eips.ca

New Human Rights Legislation Impacts Education

Section 11.1 of the *Alberta Human Rights Act* comes into effect September 1, 2010, affirming

in law a parent's ability to have their child excluded, without academic penalty, from instruction, exercises, and the use of instructional materials that deal primarily and explicitly with religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation.

The implementation of this new legislation requires that school boards notify parents when students will be receiving instruction that includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation, allowing the opportunity for a parent to have their child opt out. In such cases when a child is exempted from programming under Section 11.1, the child may either:

- a) leave the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place or where the instructional material being used for the duration of that part of the instruction; or
- b) remain in the classroom or place where the instruction is taking place without taking part in the instruction or use of instructional material.

EIPS expects this legislation should not affect the high quality of classroom instruction and discussion that are the hallmarks of our education system, nor should it compromise our curriculum or teaching practices.

The Guide to Education for the 2010-2011 school year contains information on the required notification and is posted at <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/guidetoed.aspx>.

Information on notification and curriculum implications, as well as questions and answers for parents and the public is available on the Alberta Education website <http://education.alberta.ca/parents/role.aspx>.

Watch for further correspondence on this subject from your school in the near future.

Alberta Education: Inspiring Action

- Transforming a complex system such as education requires careful thought, research, analysis and, above all, continued meaningful interaction with all Albertans. To support the next phase of the ongoing dialogue about the future of education, the Education Minister has released the [Inspiring Action on Education](#) discussion paper. The discussion paper links the vision, principles and policy and governance shifts of [Inspiring Education](#) with the day-to-day work of teachers, school boards, parents, the Ministry of Education, community members and other contributors to student success.
- We know that maintaining and sustaining a dialogue at the school level on the importance of education amongst teachers and parents is key to the success of all students. Just as local conversations build positive outcomes, public engagement initiatives that we have undertaken have shown that teachers, school leadership, parents and the public want a voice in guiding the future and transformation of education. *Inspiring Action on Education* is the next step in ensuring that is the case.
- Parental and community participation in this phase of the dialogue is essential. You can provide input online by visiting the [Inspiring Action](#) website, which features the discussion paper, videos, facilitated online discussions and related information. A series of themed online discussion guides, each focusing on a specific transformational shift, are also available. You are encouraged to check back regularly to see what's new.
- You may also want to use your discussions with other teachers, parents, friends and neighbours as an opportunity for them to make their voices heard as well. It is important that all those with an interest in education understand what is happening and why. For more information, contact engage.education@gov.ab.ca.

Come Sing With Us!

The Elk Island Regional Honor choir Association is a fantastic way for your child to express themselves through singing!! All three choirs get quality instruction from teachers and perform numerous times throughout the year. Elk Island Public Schools is proud to offer this unique opportunity for your child to become a more confident singer and seasoned performer. The Elk Island Regional Honor Choir Association is moving into its 27th year and we would love to have you sing with us!!

- *excellence in choral education
- *professional instructors
- *special workshops and choral retreats
- *three annual concerts
- *touring opportunities
- *meet new friends from other schools

Elk Island Public Schools Junior Honor Choir- Grades 2-5

Leesila Dawkins, Director
Monday Rehearsals 4:15-5:15pm at Glenallen
Elementary School
Annual Choir Fee: \$300

Elk Island Public Schools Intermediate Honor Choir-Grades 5-8

TBA, Director
Monday Rehearsals 6:30-8:00pm at Bev Facey
High School
Annual Choir Fee: \$350

Please contact Larry Frank at
larry.frank@ei.educ.ab.ca or 237-2167(c)

Strathcona County Library is Moving!

The public library is relocating to 401 Festival Lane in the new Community Centre in Centre in the Park. During the month of October, we will be closed in order to move our collections, equipment and staff. However, you can stock up on library items in September and keep them till

November! There will be limited Internet access and study space during October. The Bookmobile will continue to operate during the move. For more information, check the Library Move FAQ's on the library website at www.sclibrary.ab.ca.

Visit the new library in November to explore exciting new spaces and larger, revitalized collections – with more books, movies, music, kits and magazines for all ages. The Enchanted Forest, the Discovery Zone and the Teenzone are designed for our young library users and their families. We look forward to welcoming you to the new library which has been designed to better meet the needs of our growing community and to serve as the “community’s living room”.

Deadline for Newsletter Submissions

Putting together the newsletter is a lengthy process. If you have items to submit for the October newsletter, please ensure that they are received by us no later than Friday, September 24th.

Thank you for making the first week at school so rewarding and enjoyable. We are looking forward to spending a year with your children!

Sincerely,

Deb Gerow
Principal

Helene Hewitt
Assistant Principal

Fun and camaraderie — and no final exam!

FRENCH FOR IMMERSION PARENTS

LEVEL 1

- ✓ Children's vocabulary (greetings, numbers, time, colours, around school, animals, foods, etc.)
- ✓ The alphabet and pronunciation ✓ An introduction to key grammar concepts
- ✓ An experience of the immersion approach to language learning
- ✓ Tips for supporting your child ✓ Resources of interest to immersion parents

When: Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00, September 27 to November 29, 2010

Where: 265 Fir Street, Sherwood Park Presbyterian Church Hall

LEVEL 2

- More vocabulary (special occasions, the environment, geography, at the restaurant, and more)
- More practice with pronunciation Further exploration of grammar concepts
- Additional hints, strategies and resources for immersion parents
- Discussions about immersion through the middle and secondary school years

When: Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00, September 26 to November 28, 2010

Where: 265 Fir Street, Sherwood Park Presbyterian Church Hall

Fee for either level: \$100 for CPF members, \$125 for non-members (\$25 less for a spouse)

TO REGISTER: Please fill in the registration form below.

Registration form

Course Level 1 2 (please circle)

Name _____ Phone _____

EMAIL _____

CPF MEMBER \$100.00 membership # _____ NON-MEMBER \$125.00 _____

Please pay by cheque or cash. Cheques should be made out to 'Sherwood Park Public CPF'. We will notify you that your registration was received. Non-member price includes a one year CPF membership. Registrations will be accepted until Thursday September 23, 2010. Forms can be dropped off at the École Campbelltown School office or École OLPH School Office. A minimum of 8 registrants is required for each course.

Questions? Call Sandra Prior at 780- 464-0057 cpfsherwoodpark@hotmail.com

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received up to four days prior to the first class will be refunded in full less any CPF membership fee paid. There will be no refunds after the first class. If you have paid for a membership, you will receive the CPF newsletters and other benefits.

* Grandparents and others are also most welcome!

CPF *Canadian Parents for French*
Sherwood Park Public Chapter

