École Meridian Heights School

February 2021





Kindergarten Open House!

VIRTUAL FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE: FEB. 9, 6-7PM

VIRTUAL ENGLISH OPEN HOUSE: FEB. 17, 6-7PM Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by December 31, 2021.

Visit the school's website for more information, including a link to join the online Open House.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS (K-9S 'NEW' & 'RETURNING STUDENTS') MUST BE COMPLETED FEB. 8-MAR. 25, 2021!

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Feb. 3rd - Winter Walk Day

Feb. 3rd—School Council Mtg 6:30-8pm RSVP to our School council at meridianheightsscchair@psd70.ab.ca

Feb. 4th & 5th—Teacher's Convention—Students don't attend Feb. 5th—Gr. 2 to Rotary Park 1-3pm Feb. 12th—PD Day—No students attend Feb. 15th—Family Day—No school Feb. 16th—Next in /out transition date for students Feb. 19th—Gr. 2 to Rotary Park 1-3pm Feb. 26th—Gr. 2 to Rotary Park 1-3pm





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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Please open hyperlink to access our Public Calendar of events:

http:// meridianheights.psd70.ab.ca/ Events.php

If you are not yet on the parent portal and or if there are any demographic changes to your profile please also ensure that you edit your information.



FRANCO-FÊTE

March 1-4th are the dates....more details to follow!

When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine!



Promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French



\equiv UPCOMING EVENTS \equiv

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https://ab.cpf.ca/



Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

How do I support my child in (French) oral language at home?

Without boring you with the plethora of research supporting the correlation between oral language development and literacy - of which there is plenty - the teachers at École Meridian Heights would like to address one of the most common questions parents ask at parent teacher interviews.

While we are a bilingual school and typically one would think that this question applies to mainly our French Immersion students, there are benefits to development of oral language in any language and the strategies that are listed below. More importantly, we wish to show you that you don't have to be a certificated teacher to help your child learn. You are after all your child's first teacher in life and will continue long after our short interaction (184 days) with them to guide them and impact their learning.

We polled our teachers and came up with this list of strategies that you can easily implement at home to help your child. Have fun with these Meridian staff inspired ideas to support (French) language development.



Please note the upcoming PD Days/no school on February 4 & 5.

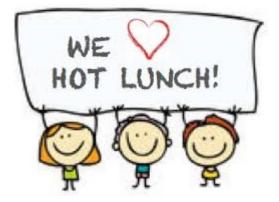
	HOW DO I SUPPORT MY CHILD IN (FRENCH) CONT'D	
AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE	Join Canadian Parents for French. <u>https://ab.cpf.ca/</u>	
CALL-OUT	Free until March 2021	
AS WE NOW HAVE AN	Watch a favorite TV show or movie together.	
automated call-out for students who have unex- cused absences, please ensure you call in to re- port your child's absence by 8:30am in the moming and by 12:45pm in the afternoons so you don't receive an unwarranted call.	French: Change the language to French Watch French stations Check in and ask what is happening in the show Make a game of finding out how much the parents can understand Some classic French shows: •TinTin •Les schtroumpfs •Asterix et Obelix	English: Tum on subtitles and mute the volume Ask about favorite parts / characters Discuss if the movie were a real life situation. What would they do?
to be best in an point of view. French [fren(language spo in France an people of Fra	 Talk through a task you are doing with your child such as baking or cleaning or making something either in French or English. This will help develop vocabulary as well as make for many fun conversations. Perhaps you can come up with silly names for your appliances. For example: I have an appliance called McSteamy - can you guess what it does? Once a week make dinner a "French only" affair where everyone has to try 	
peop	and speak only in French. Ask as many questions as you can about how to say something in French.	
Check out these links to go further and have more fun <u>CBC Jeunesse</u> <u>Duolingo</u> <u>Bookili</u>	Once a week at dinner rather than ask questions about how their day was and get those dreaded one word answers, ask specific questions about the subjects: What book did you read today? Tell me more. What are you learning in Math? Can you teach me how to do that? Tell me something funny that happened today.	
<u>Bonjour de France</u> <u>PBS French</u>	Share a new song	
by Teachers at EMHS on February 1, 2021 READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE	Find French songs on Youtube. Most lyrics can also be found online for the songs.	Listen to your child's favorite artist. Al- low them to be DJ for a few songs. Then share your favorite song.
4	Use language apps together and have fun trying to beat each other through games found on the apps.	

LUNCH

Our Hot Lunch program has begun again! We will be continuing with only offering it two days a week and there is still no made in house at this time. But we're happy to be able to do what we can and still comply with all COVID-19 safety protocols. If you haven't signed –up for hot lunch yet the website is <u>https://mhsaa.hotlunches.net</u>. There you can place food orders, make payments, and sign-up to volunteer.



Look for order forms to come home this month for locally made caramels, just in time for Easter!!!



Have a great month!



