

French Immersion Information Session

Dr. Roberta Bondar PS
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Today's Meeting

- Program Overview
- French Immersion: Considerations
- FSL Review/Accommodations
- Feeder Schools
- Registration
- Transportation
- About Dr. Roberta Bondar PS

French as a Second Language Programs

- YRDSB offers two quality French as a Second Language programs:
 - French Immersion, which starts in Grade 1 and is an optional program
 - Core French, which starts in Grade 4 and is mandatory

Program Overview

- Opportunity to learn language
- Designed for students whose first language is not French
- Long-term commitment
- Classes taught by teachers trained in second language instruction

Program Overview - Curriculum

- Standard French is taught
- Grades 1 - 3 taught entirely in French
- Mid-year most Grade 1 students are able to express themselves in French
- Grade 4 – 8: 50% English instruction begins; math taught in English

French Immersion: Considerations

- In French Immersion, students learn French and also learn IN French.
- It is important that they acquire strong French oral skills in order to learn to read, write and learn science, math, etc. in French.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on building French literacy skills to support their learning in French.

French as a Second Language Review

- Goal: *To achieve high quality, sustainable French language instruction in YRDSB*
- Outcomes:
 - *Toolkit to address need for FI spaces and enable long-term accommodation plan*
 - *Consistency of programming*
- Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more information

FI Accommodation Plan

- FI program offered in a variety of settings

Single Track

Dual Track

Primary Dual Track

Grade(s): 1, 1 – 2, 1 – 3

- This allows flexibility needed to address local needs across region

Accommodation Plan for Roméo Dallaire PS

- New Primary Dual Track for 2018
- All Grade 1 FI students will be accommodated at Dr. Roberta Bondar PS or Nellie McClung PS based on their elementary feeder. These students will remain for Grade 2 in 2019 and return to Romeo Dallaire PS for Grades 3-8

Nellie McClung PS and Dr. Roberta Bondar PS Grade 1 Feeders

Nellie McClung PS	Dr. Roberta Bondar PS
Anne Frank PS	Dr. Roberta Bondar PS
Nellie McClung PS	
Herbert H. Carnegie PS	
Unnamed Block 12 ES Area (Holding at Nellie McClung PS/ Herbert H. Carnegie PS)	

Accommodation Plan for Roméo Dallaire PS

- Primary Dual Track change for incoming Grade 1 students in **2019**
- Further communication to occur later in 2018

Registration

- FI registration will begin January 19, 2018.
- Registration is not first-come, first-served
- You can register between January 19 and February 9, 2018.

Current YRDSB SK Students

- Parents /guardians can visit or call their home school office and request an **Office Index Card - short version**. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school.
- Bring this form, along with one piece of identification showing address to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018 to the Grade 1 program FI school.

Non-YRDSB Students

- Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork at the Grade 1 FI program school.
- Information required for registration is outlined on the YRDSB website.

Late Registrations

- Late registrations are those submitted after February 9, 2018.
- Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Transportation

- Transportation provided according to Board Policy #680.00 (see Board website).
- Bus stops located **centrally**.
- Visit www.schoolbuscity.com for bus information
- Students may be required to walk a few blocks to their bus stop.
- Pick-up times may be earlier or later than students in other schools.

About Dr. Roberta Bondar PS

- Kindergarten – Grade 8
- Robust Core French program
- Strong focus on strength in diversity and community.
- Hours 8:15 -2:35
- Before and After School Care provided by YMCA

School Transition Plan

Annual Switch Day

- When: Tuesday, June 26, 2018
- Time: 12:55 – 2:15
- Where: Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S.
- Why: To provide all students with an opportunity to meet their new classmates and visit their Grade 1 classroom.

* Email invitation will follow Friday, June 1.



Questions?