



## French Immersion News - April/May 2017



On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, my fellow French immersion classmates and I had the opportunity to see “Le Dragon”, a comedic and symbolic French play that was held at Campus St.Jean. Set in small village plagued by a powerful dragon, the play follows the story of Lancelot, a young and determined knight who stumbles upon the village while travelling. Once he learns of the village’s curse, he immediately makes it his goal to free the villagers of the dragon’s rule. This might seem to be a generic fairy-tale plot, however, as the play continues and its intricate plot develops, the audience can see that the story is a clear reference to Stalin’s dictatorship over Russia as the dragon represents Stalin and the villagers represent the Russians who had no choice but to obey their dictator. After the play, we had a small lunch at Café Bicyclette, a French Café across the street from Campus St.Jean, where we were able to discuss our opinions of the play.

So how was this short field trip beneficial to our French education? For starters, watching “Le Dragon” and analyzing its story were both extremely interesting and immersive comprehension exercises. Personally, most comprehension exercises include a dull article, a quiet class, and tedious questions so I am especially grateful that I was able to develop my French skills in the interesting and unique environment found at Campus St. Jean and Café Bicyclette. Additionally, during the field trip, my classmates and I were further exposed to the accepting, rich and diverse French culture found within the French community. Even though my classmates and I have varied levels of proficiency in the French language, we were all welcomed into the French community and encouraged to continue to reinforce our French comprehension skills.

Written by Rebecca R.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the French Immersion students went to the Crêperie. This field trip to the Crêperie was a wonderful and different way to be immersed into the french culture. It was a great experience, since the menu was in french and the servers all spoke french, which really enhanced the experience. The food itself was magnificent, and gave us all a little taste of what the food experience and culture is in french countries. It was lovely to be in a stress free environment, but still able to learn so many different things about french heritage. It was an overall great experience, and a good way to enrich and develop our understanding of the french culture in an interactive way.

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### Important links:

- Word Reference – Free online dictionaries - Spanish, French, Italian, German and more. Conjugations, audio pronunciations and forums for your questions. <http://www.wordreference.com/>
- Canadian Parents for French <http://ab.cpf.ca/>

- Bon Patron is a grammar checker that finds common spelling errors and grammatical mistakes in French <http://bonpatron.com/en/>

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Have a great day!