

## News Release

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## Wetaskiwin Canadian Parents for French Receive Grant Funding

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) was ecstatic after securing a Community Initiative Program project based grant of \$12,000 to match funds to support the French Immersion students at École Parkdale and École Queen Élizabeth Schools. Canadian Parents for French is a non-profit parent body promoting and supporting French Language learning to the children in our community. French Immersion students attend school at École Parkdale, École Queen Elizabeth Junior High and Wetaskiwin Composite High School.

With the \$24,000 raised the group is putting it toward technology at École Parkdale School as well as buying teaching and support items for French teaching staff at both the École Parkdale and École Queen Elizabeth Schools. The resources CPF intends to purchase are a class set of tablet devices for the of both English and French stream students at École Parkdale.



Canadian Parents for French and École Parkdale Principal Sandra Wilson were honored to accept CIP grant funds from Minister Verlyn Olson, May 2013.

Canadian Parents for French was also able to secure an Arts Organization Project grant for \$11,475.00 which will go toward the \$15,645 required to offer a week long artist in residency program for all École Parkdale English and French Immersion students as well as École Queen Elizabeth's Junior High French Immersion students. In December Trickster Theater from Calgary, Alberta will spend a week working with students. During this time students will learn about the power of the arts by researching, writing, staging and performing original theatrical presentations. CPF will continue fundraising activities in support of this fun educational lifetime opportunity.

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