

French Facts / Faits à propos du français

by Isaac M.

March is *Le Mois de la Francophonie*, aka French Week, so here are a few facts about '*la belle langue*' in celebration:

- Le français est vraiment populaire! C'est #6 dans la liste des langues les plus parlées au monde. Environ 274 millions de personnes, mais seulement 80 millions, le parlent comme leur première langue! Ce nombre augmente rapidement; il est attendu qu'il y aura environ 700 millions de locuteurs par l'année 2050!
- French is also a global language, spoken in all continents (including Antarctica!); it's an official language in 28 different countries! 40% of speakers live in Europe, 51% in Africa, and the remaining 9% in Asia and the Americas. What's more, Africa's percentage isn't done growing - it's expected to reach 85% within the next 40 years!
- Probablement tu savais que le français est une langue romantique, comme l'espagnol, mais savais-tu qu'environ 45% des mots modernes en anglais ont une origine française?
- FUN FACT: No French words include the letter "W"- if it has one, it's probably borrowed from another language!



Le Mois de la Francophonie à Woodman

par: Amelia P.

Le Mois de la Francophonie est là! Tout au long du mois de mars à Woodman, nous avons prévu des activités francophones captivantes. Tout d'abord, *Manie Musicale* présentera deux chansons différentes chaque jour, et chaque classe choisira la meilleure. À la fin de la compétition, la chanson gagnante sera dévoilée! Le 5 mars, une assemblée spéciale aura lieu pour les étudiants qui participeront au concours oral. Ils prépareront un discours sur un sujet de leur choix, le mémoriseront et le présenteront en français devant toute l'école! Le 6 mars, un food truck proposera de la poutine, des beavertails, et des boissons, aux étudiants qui auront commandé leur repas avant le 29 février. Le 8 mars sera consacré à la tire sur neige, et sera aussi la journée du bûcheron (habiliez-vous comme un bûcheron)! Enfin, le 15 mars, c'est la journée "Frenchie Day" où chacun est invité à s'habiller 'à la française' (déterminez vos bérets)! Ces activités seront si amusantes! Joyeux Mois de la Francophonie!

Woodman Volleyball Season



The volleyball season started the first week of January. The senior and junior girls and boys volleyball tryouts were hosted in the main gym before and after school throughout the first two weeks after the winter break. The teams were decided during the second week of tryouts and practices started that same week.

The season was kicked off by the junior boys volleyball team on Monday the 22 of January followed by senior boys both against Robert Warren. The junior and senior girls had their first game on Wednesday the 24 of January.

During the junior boys first game one of the players was injured in the game and was unable to play until the end of February. He is temporarily being subbed in for until the injury has healed. During the Month of February junior and senior boys Volleyball teams first away game of the season against Wilma Hansen. There were major plays of the game:

Wolves #22 has some amazing blocks and defensive hits that were key in the first set. Wolves #7 an #4 with good serving runs but the Hawks wouldn't back down as they made several dig saves and good attacks.

The whistle goes and the Wolves finish off the first set with a 25-19 win. The second set starts with Wolves starting off strong with a 9-4 early lead with a good serving run from Wolves #19 and smart blocks by #28. The hawks would yet again not go quietly fighting back and got the lead of 15-13 with nice serves of their own. Two more exceptional serving runs by Woodman followed by nice defense by the wolves leading them to a 25-22 win.



Escaping on Snow Transportation

by: Claire and Jess



If you ever heard of tobogganing, you may not know the real reason it was invented. It was invented in 1884 because the Inuit were tired of taking small trips and transporting people. The inventor of the toboggan is Edward Zamboni. Tobogganing as a sport originated on the slopes of Mount Royal in Montreal. It was quite popular until the early 1930s, when skiing took over its popularity.

The Inuit made the first toboggans out of whale bone and used it to transport people and belongings across the snowy tundra. Dog sledding was invented by the native and Inuit people in the northern parts of modern Canada, and it then quickly spread throughout the continent. Early dog sleds didn't look exactly like dog sleds today. Dog sleds haven't changed very much over the all years. Traditionally they are made from strips of wood strung together. Today, more modern racing sleds are made from lightweight aluminum and high tech metals. Tobogganing is a fun and exciting activity that you should try some time!

Banned

by Nahlah

Yesterday it was witches, today it's the books
Mass hysteria had the people on hooks
Then, they said, "hunt down every witch no
one will think twice
And young girls will get the message, and
they'll take the advice"

Now, they say "burn all the books, the
children can't know
How sexism is built into our country's bones,
and burn all the books, they can't understand,
that their favourite malls were built on stolen
land"

Censor the sentences, cross out the word
feminist
Be sure we don't know enough to stand up to
white supremacists
Be sure we can't figure out this is suppression
in its purest form,
and don't stray from status quo, don't
question the norm

They banned Cherie Dimaline for ant-white
speech
Meanwhile a politician is writing slurs in his
tweets
And they banned Judy Blume for being anti-
christian
Because god forbid kids don't like the box
they should fit in

Covers become firewood, pages become
kindling
the thick, gray smoke smells just like
burning
in the small town of salem, all those years ago
it gets stronger and stronger, the firepit
overflows

To control your children, control what they
think
Control what stories schools can own written
in ink
books aren't being banned to keep students
safe
they're being banned so we inherit the hate

They're being banned so we don't ever learn
That it's never okay for witches to burn
They're being banned so we don't ever pick up
a sign
Drive to town square and march side by side

But as long as there is breath in my lungs, and
blood in my veins
As long as I have a mind that writes poems
and a heart that feels pain
I will read, I will learn, I will create, I will grow
And I will know everything you never wanted
me to know



Wolves Got Talent

By Aila S.

For this month I will be showcasing Quinn M. in 8C . Many of you readers must know that Quinn is a magnificent friend who always has a smile on her face. Well did you know that Quinn also plays field hockey? Quinn practices with effort and with even more effort when she plays. Quinn has played so many field hockey games and is only getting better. She has also competed outside Calgary in the Lacombe Tournament near Edmonton. Isn't that cool! Field hockey isn't a very common game here, and finding someone who can excel at it is even less common. It takes a great amount of talent to be able to play such an uncommon game and be awesome at it!



Poems

Drowned

By Aila S.

Broken down
Upside down
Stripped of my
crown
My emotions,
shutdown
My brain, in
lockdown
Hearing the
countdown
My chances are
not found
To misfortune, I
am bound
In darkness, I am
drowned

Dans le jardin de
mon cœur,
Les fleurs de
l'amour
s'épanouissent en
douceur.
Chaque pétale
raconte une
histoire,
De bonheur, de
peine, de gloire.
J'écoute le chant
des oiseaux,
Qui résonne
comme un doux
cadeau.
Sous le ciel bleu, je
me sens libre,
Dans ce monde où
tout respire.

Anonymes

WILDLIFE CORNER

Sea Sponges

by A.S.A.P



Using a random item generator, I'm now going to be an expert in sea sponges. Sea sponges live underwater, and they are, of course, animals which means...they have lives! They aren't just inanimate sponges: they have homes, families and LIFE! Sea sponges are friends and they need love and care. Think about the sponges and their feelings.



Exciting Anime Conventions in Calgary!

by: Jess and Claire.



Have you ever heard of an anime convention? It's an exciting place for anime lovers to explore the world of anime and socialize with others who share the same interests. The first Otafest was held in 1999, and it has gotten more popular throughout the years. This year, it will be held on May 10-12, 2024.

Anime fans can dress up as their favorite characters and enter cosplay contests, or just dress up for fun! There are four categories you can enter in. If you like to act, you can perform wearing your cosplay in front of an audience, or if you want to show off your craft skills. There is also a category where cosplayers enter their handmade costumes.

There are also a few other contests: a singing contest, and an AMV (Anime Music Video) contest.

Otafest has an arcade, and an idol festival. Have you ever wondered how you would look as an anime character? Otafest has an event just for you: The Sketch Drive!. A team of talented artists will sketch your ideas and bring them to life! Half of the cost from the sketch will be donated to a charity chosen by Otafest.

If you stay at Otafest for a whole day, you may start to feel hungry at some point. The CONbini, is a Japanese convenience store run by Otafest. It sells Japanese baked goods, and snacks.

However, if you prefer to be served and watch a performance as you eat, Otafest's Maid and Butler Cafe is an awesome place to do so! Once you're finished eating, you can play games with the maid and butlers, or dance with them on stage.

The last stop in this anime convention is the Exhibitor Hall. The Exhibitor Hall is a place for you to find official figures, manga, plushies, art, games, media, and posters. You can also do so at the Artist Alley, which specializes in more handmade goods like cosplay, illustrations, or even custom paintings.

In conclusion, an anime convention might be the perfect place for you. There are many fun events for anime lovers to enjoy!

Why I Hate Anteaters (And you should too!)



Have you ever thought to yourself, “Hm, I’m going to go eat some ants?” Honestly? Probably not. But what if I told you that there was someone on this earth who thinks that at least once every hour. Anteaters. Every day, every hour, they think to themselves, “Yum! Ants!” There are many reasons why anteaters are awful. Number one, they eat half their body weight in ants. Number two, they eat so much dirt. Number three, they look disgusting. Number four, they look like they're walking backwards, but they're not. Lastly, their babies are disgusting. Those are just some of the reasons that I hate them. Hopefully, by the end of reading this, you will too. If I said to you, “Reader, every day, I eat half my body weight in ants,” you would probably begin to question my rationality. Why do we let anteaters get away with it? It disgusts me how they suck there long, sticky tongue inside a termite or ant hole, and suck them out. Also, they don’t have teeth, so they have to crush up the bugs, getting the juices of the bugs all over them, on the roof of their mouth. It disgusts me. And it should disgust you too.

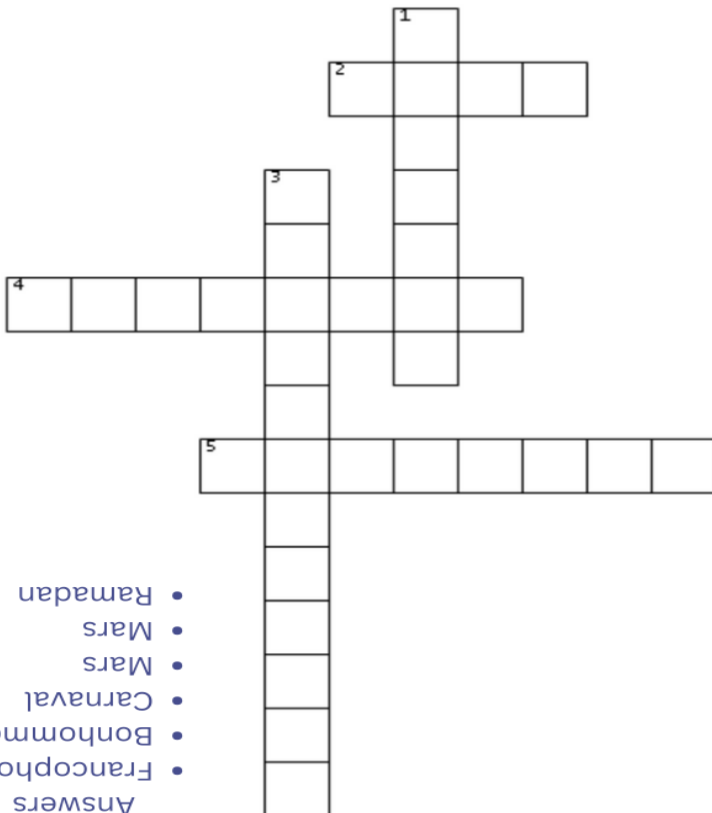
When was the last time that you said, “Mmmm, dirt! Can’t wait to crunch on some dirt!” Sand is one thing. Dirt is a whole other deal. There is definitely worm juice in dirt. What do you know. Anteaters eat dirt! While the anteaters use their long, sticky tongues to suck termites out of the termite hole, their tongues must get so much dirt attached to it. But do they care? No! Just imagine. Eating a pure mixture of dirt, and worm juice.



Part 2 in the April edition...

Mots Croisés de Mars

By Aila S.



- Answers
- Francophonie
- Bonhomme
- Carnaval
- Mars
- Mars
- Ramadan

1. Un mois Islamique dans lequel les musulmans se jeûnent (cherche dans les autres articles pour la réponse)
2. Le troisième mois de l'année
3. Mars est le mois de la ...
4. Une grande fête pour célébrer la Francophonie
5. L'homme de neige, un symbole du carnaval

Zodiacs of March

By Aila S.



Pieces

February 19- March 20

Pieces are creative, people- loving beings. They are trustworthy people who always to help out others



Aries
March 21- April 19



Aries are energy loving and courageous souls. They are goal oriented and have the qualities to be leaders.



Festive Treats

By Cosette

Brigaderios

A classic Brazilian treat that is super quick and easy to make!

Ingredients for 8 servings:

- 1 tablespoons of butter
- 395 g of sweetened condensed milk (14 oz)
- ¼ cup of cocoa powder
- 1 cup of chocolate sprinkles

Recipe:

1. In a pot over low heat, melt the butter, condensed milk, and cocoa powder, stirring continuously until you can see the bottom of the pot for 2-3 seconds when dragging a spatula through.
2. Pour onto a greased plate, then chill for 1 hour
3. Shape and roll the chilled mixture into balls
4. Roll the balls in chocolate sprinkles
5. Enjoy!!!!



Riddles and jokes

(mois de la francophonie edition)

by: Amelia P.

What do you call a Lumberjack who can't wake up on time?

A slumberjack!

What do you call a sad maple tree?

A sappy

What is there one of in maple syrup and two of in a croissant?

an Si

