## **Benefits of Learning a Second Language**

There are many advantages to learning a second language. Canada is the world leader in second language acquisition. Learning a second language prepares students to compete in an exciting multi-lingual world. Here are some of the other benefits of learning French:

- Increases cognitive abilities, creating a more flexible thinker
- Improves overall school performance
- Develops superior problem-solving skills
- Increases listening skills, learning skills and self-confidence
- Enhances first language development
- Develops appreciation, understanding and respect of other cultures
- Develops a more inclusive child
- Increases personal pleasure opportunities such as the enjoyment of literature, art, music, theatre, travel and personal relationships
- Provides access to a larger pool of information and greater educational and career opportunities
- Provides a competitive advantage in the global market

French Immersion students achieve high results overall in all subjects.
French Immersion students increase their receptive listening skills and gain confidence.
Research shows that skills in both languages are enhanced and the skills learned transfer from one language to another.

## Kids say OUI!

Children enjoy French Immersion for a lot of different reasons. Here is what our students say:

I am learning French because ...

- More friends means more fun
- It looks great on my résumé
- I'm not afraid of differences
- I'm Canadian
- I can connect with people all over the world
- I'm keeping my options open
- My brain gets a boost
- It's fun
- I'm going places
- French is a working language
- I've got a rendez-vous with the world