

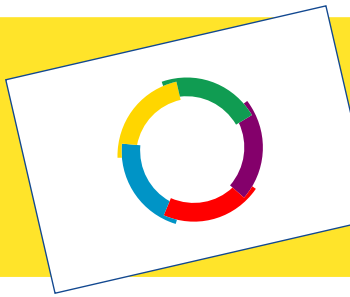
Our 40th Anniversary

DORA KENNEDY FRENCH IMMERSION

Semaine de la Francophonie

The week of March 16–20, our school will celebrate the week of French Language and Francophonie.

Students throughout the school will be engaged in creating art projects around the theme of **peace and cultural diversity in francophone countries** — la paix et la diversité culturelle dans les pays francophones.



Monday, March 16

French Culture Art Day

Students can explore the art of various Francophone regions through visual arts, sculpture, or photography. Encourage them to look at famous artists from Senegal, Canada (Quebec), Haiti, or France. Students can create a piece that represents the values of peace or diversity.

- ◇ **Haitian Art:** Bright colors, vibrant depictions of everyday life.
- ◇ **African Art:** Geometric shapes, symbolism.
- ◇ **Canadian Art:** Landscape art, especially from Quebec, or modern art inspired by French culture.

Tuesday, March 17

French Culture Music Day

Introduce students to famous Francophone musicians and genres, such as: Edith Piaf (France), Celine Dion (Quebec), Youssou N'Dour (Senegal), or Zaz (France). Students can research music from specific countries or learn about traditional instruments (like the balafon from West Africa or the accordion from Quebec).

- ◇ **Classroom performance:** Let students create their musical interpretation of a song.
- ◇ **Analyze lyrics:** Look at the message of famous songs (e.g., "Ne me quitte pas" by Jacques Brel).

Wednesday, March 18

French Culture Show & Tell Day

Students and teachers can bring in cultural objects that represent the country they are focusing on.

- ◇ **Traditional clothing** (e.g., the colorful fabrics of Mali or the beret of France).
- ◇ **Food** (with teacher approval, of course).
- ◇ **Arts and crafts** (such as Moroccan pottery or Haitian metal art).

Thursday, March 19

Traditional Clothing & Fashion Show Day

Teachers and students can showcase traditional attire to celebrate the rich diversity of Francophone cultures.

- ◇ **The fashion show** is a fun way to learn about styles, colors, and fabrics used in different countries.

Friday, March 20

French Culture Writing/Literature Day

Read literature from various Francophone authors and discuss the themes of peace, cultural diversity, or unity.

- ◇ Students could **write creative pieces or essays**, such as a letter from a character from a Francophone country, or a poem inspired by the culture.