

Vivez la Francophonie!

On March 20th, nations world-wide celebrated the French language in the spirit of Jour de la Francophonie! Here in Canada, the widespread use of our two official languages – French and English – is a central aspect of the Canadian experience.

Did you know that half of all SEVEC exchanges are focussed on learning French as a second language? By living in a French-speaking community for just one week, students demonstrate improvement in the ease of speaking French.

Ryan Gee, a secondary school teacher from British Columbia, was surprised by how enthusiastic his students were to speak French while staying with their twin group in Quebec.

“The kids have taken it upon themselves to try to speak as much French as possible. They are taking the initiative of learning themselves. This was beyond my wildest imagination!” said Ryan who planned the SEVEC exchange as a culmination of his FSL course.

With the generous funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage, SEVEC is helping Canadian youth celebrate French through educational exchanges providing first-hand experience with “la joie de vivre”!

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