

## The French Immersion Program at Hidden Valley School

The French Immersion program offers an opportunity for non-Francophone students to be introduced to French in an educational setting. The program strives to give parents the support they need to accompany their child in this worthwhile endeavour.

The long-term goals of the French Immersion program at all levels are:

1. Functional fluency in French
2. full mastery of the English language
3. understanding and appreciation of the French culture

At the primary level, students spend 100% of class time learning the Alberta Program of Studies in French. It takes into account the child's particular needs, strengths, learning styles and interests.

In 2005-2006 school year, Hidden Valley School will offer French Immersion from Kindergarten through Grade 3. Students may enter the program in Kindergarten or Grade 1. Only students residing in Hidden Valley or Hanson Ranch may attend this school. The projected 135 Kindergarten students will all be accommodated.

Registration for French Immersion Kindergarten is part of CBE's general Kindergarten registration for next fall which began on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.