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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to introduce myself as your child's Core French teacher for 2021-2022. Some of you might recognize me as Marie Haynes as I grew up and went to school in Amherst.

Learning another language is shown to boost problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask. It is also an opportunity to have fun together and build community. The expectation is that by the end of the year, students will have a good understanding of why we learn French and be able to draw upon some key vocabulary and phrases for French communication.

If you want to support student learning at home, help your child see that French is everywhere! Canada, being a bilingual country, requires all labels and packaging to be in French. Read cereal boxes, translations of signs, point out similarities between English and French - there are so many!

It is my hope that students will enjoy learning another language and I aim to make the lessons fun and engaging. The expectation is that students will come to class with an open mind and ready to learn, show respect and thoughtfulness and do their best everyday.

It will be my pleasure to work with your children this school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address or through the main school phone number if you have any questions or concerns.

Marie Gray