

Dear parents and teachers of Jeanne Sauvé Catholic School,

I work for The Canadian Foundation for Cross-Cultural Dialogue in Ottawa and we are presently seeking Francophones or Francophiles to represent the francophone communities throughout the Olympic Torch Relay community celebrations. There are about 189 community celebrations for the Torch Relay across the country.

The goal of a francophone/phile once on the city's comity (since the city is the one to organise the event) would be to insure some sort of French audibility on stage. Whether it's the national anthem sung bilingually, a choir singing French songs or a francophone artist reciting poetry or singing. It's really up to the francophone representative to decide what they think would encourage the francophone/phile community to participate and have fun doing it.

For your information there are three parts to the event. The first being the VANOC (Vancouver organisational comity) presentations. They will have a bilingual MC to host the whole event. Afterwards, the Sponsors Coca-Cola and RBC Royal Bank and finally the municipality. The important thing to note about the MC is that he doesn't have to be 100% bilingual if he knows that the crowd isn't interested in hearing him speak French. Therefore the more promotion the francophone representative can make in places where the francophone/phile community is and tells the person in charge of the city's comity then they will pass the information on.

If you are interested in this opportunity please let me know as soon as possible since the city has most probably already started its meetings! I would love to hear from you to tell you your next step!

The community celebration for the Torch Relay in Stratford will be held during the day on the 22nd of December 2009.

Thank you very much and do not hesitate if there you have any questions,

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