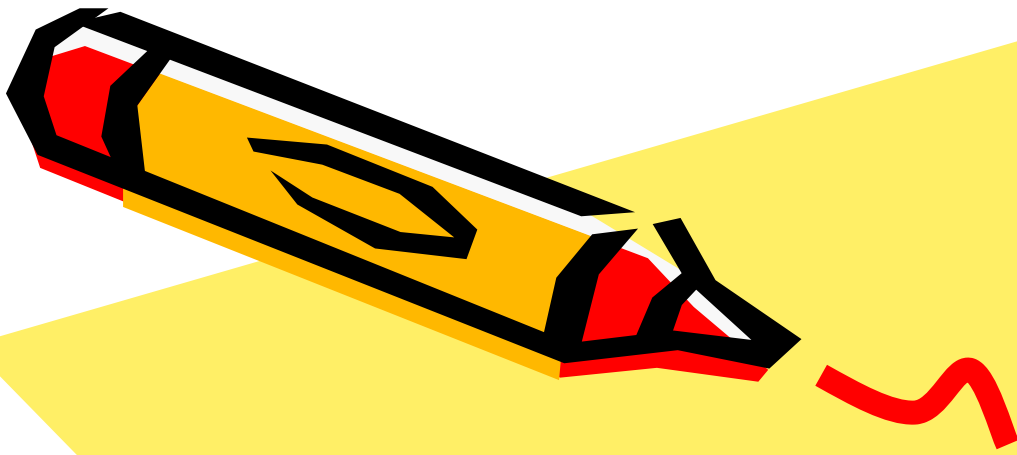


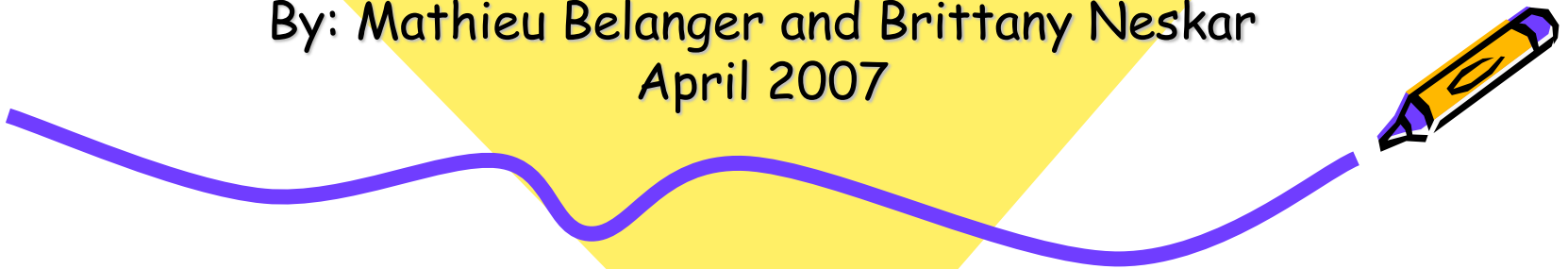


*“The foundation of every state is
the education of its youth.”
- Diogenes Laertius -*



The History of Ecole Bonaventure

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In the Beginning.....



- ❏ Founded in 1987 at the request of parents for a bilingual education.
- ❏ Originally part of Selkirk Junior High the French Immersion program was located on the second floor.
- ❏ The program was part of the adjacent Robert Smith School, therefore calling it Robert Smith French Immersion.
- ❏ As years progressed more grade levels were added and more students enrolled.



History Continued



- 📖 In 1989 five grades were introduced with Lucie Kuly as Vice Principal for the immersion program.
- 📖 1991 marked the completion of all the elementary grades as well as Lucie Kuly becoming principal of an independent immersion school.
- 📖 In 1992 Ecole Selkirk Junior High began accepting both English students as well as French Immersion graduates.



History Continued



- 📖 As of June 27, 1994 Robert Smith French Immersion was given the name of Ecole Bonaventure.
- 📖 In the 1996 school year LSRCSS started accepting French Immersion graduates and Immersion courses were available for those who wished to continue their bilingual studies.



School Philosophy



Mission Statement

École Bonaventure is a safe and respectful learning environment in which everyone develops his or her academic, social, physical, and artistic abilities.

School Pledge

Today, I pledge to:

- Respect others and my environment
- Do my very best work
- Learn new information and skills
- Play well with others
- Feel proud of myself at the end of each school day.



School Goals



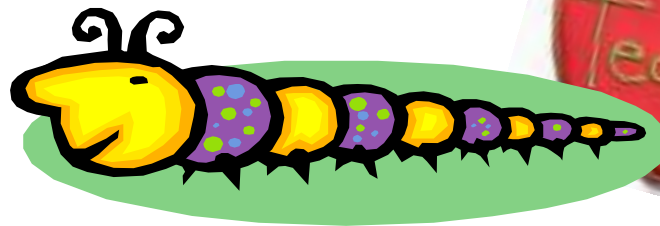
- ☰ Bonaventure's school plan focuses on the following goals.
 - ~ Improve student academic achievement through differentiated practices.
 - ~ continue to build a community of respectful learners.
 - ~ Promote increased student and staff wellness.
 - ~ Improve staff and students' oral and written French communication.



Interviewing Madame Kuly



- ☞ Up until her retirement in June 2004, Lucie Kuly was the leader who promoted the entire French immersion program from the start.
- ☞ She began her career as a teacher, but then soon grew to become a Vice principal, and in time the principal of Ecole Bonaventure.
- ☞ Madame Kuly taught for 28 years, 27 of which were served in the Lord Selkirk School Division.
- ☞ The most memorable moment for Lucie was when the first immersion students graduated from High School in 1999.





Ecole Bonaventure Today

- ☞ Currently Ecole Bonaventure has a Computer club, many choirs, intramurals, basketball club, volleyball club, marathon club, running club and an environmental club.
- ☞ There are 265 Kindergarten to grade 6 students enrolled in the French Immersion Program.
- ☞ In 2003, 2004 and 2005 there were portables added each year.



