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**Some students eager
to learn French**

By Steve Pearlstein
Liberal Staff Writer

Oblivious to the possible break-up of the country over issues such as language or culture, students at O.M. MacKillop Public School try to get in as much extra conversational French as they can — because it's fun.

For about 40 minutes every other Thursday, 20 students from Grades 3 to 7 get together to bandy their French around at the "French Club".

Though it sounds like some fancy French restaurant or disco, the kids willingly come to increase their ability of the spoken language. The sessions are run by teachers Phil Gebhardt and Arn Hunt, who come up with different ideas to help their students

broaden their vocabularies and work on pronunciation.

"The idea is to have the students follow some instructions in French — things we would not normally have time for in regular class or else we're limited with because there's just too many kids in one class for these things," said Mr. Gebhardt.

Last Thursday, for example, students cut out birds (les oiseaux) from construction paper and figured out how to fold them properly using French instruction from their teacher. There were times when a few words of English crept back into the conversation, but nobody's perfect.

"We come because we like it," said 10-year-old Terry Wilkinson.

"If we don't like it, then we're not forced to show up."

True to his word, some of his pals snuck out of the club a few minutes early.

"We have some friends," said Gary Gealdiks, 9, who'd rather just fool around or watch TV after school. Last week we did a short play and played charades in French."

After the classroom was littered with paper birds, the teachers organized a quick game of French hangman. This was clearly a club favorite.

"Some of the younger kids actually have an advantage over the older ones who are just starting, because they have already had a year or two of French," said Mr. Gebhardt.

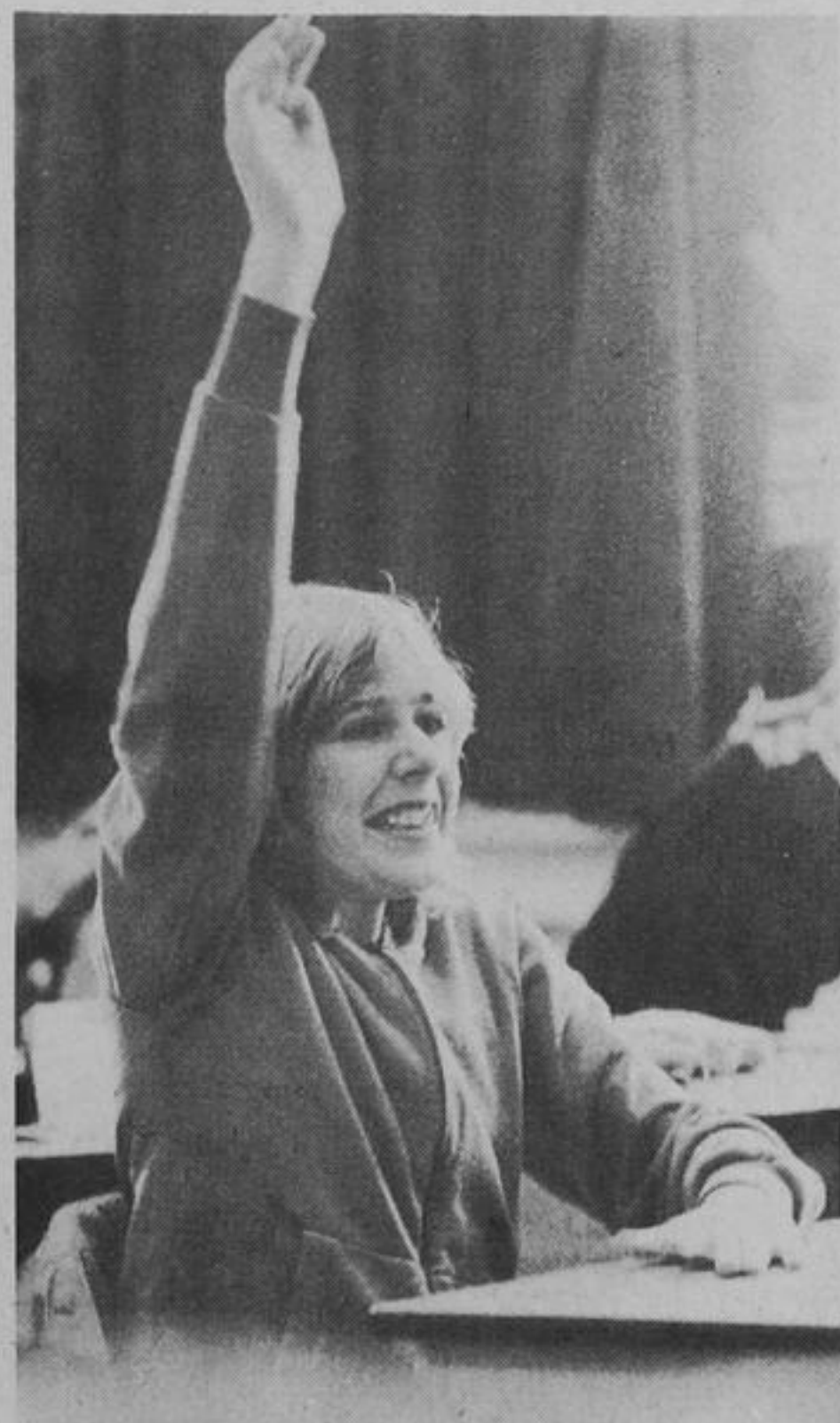
The club, which began last October, looks so successful it didn't seem to matter to the kids who had more French than whom.



**REASON
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SMILE**

Dianne Marcks of Crosby Avenue, Eleanor Douglas of North Taylor Mills and Muriel Greavette found out how to lose and be winners. Dianne was the high loser, Eleanor was Tops Queen and Muriel runner-up in the contest which topped their weight reducing program.

(Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)



Enthusiastic is the only way we can describe 12-year-old Linda Reisenweber's reaction to a bi-weekly French club run by two of her teachers at O.M. MacKillop Public School. (photo by Hogg)

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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March-April

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Your community needs you. . .						
to do INDEXING. One of Richmond Hill's libraries is seeking an individual who has some library training and knowledge of how to index and assign subject headings to articles. An interest in the history of Richmond Hill would be an asset, as you would be reading through back issues of the Liberal. If you are interested in this interesting and challenging opportunity and have one afternoon or morning a week to give, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.	to COACH a boys' soccer team. With spring on its way, the Richmond Hill minor soccer club will be preparing for its new season. They are looking for people who know the soccer game, enjoy working with boys and are willing to coach. Games and practices are held on week nights. Also, if you are interested in helping, but aren't familiar with the soccer game, assistant coaches and managers are needed. If you are interested and would like more information, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.	to do PUBLICITY. The Richmond Hill Community Schools group is in need of a person to do publicity for their volunteer organization. They would need you to attend a monthly meeting of the group and to publicize the groups activities. If you are interested and willing to help, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.	21 R. Hill Library Lamppoon Puppet Theatre, 2-3 p.m. All ages. Pre-register. Lenten service at St. Paul's Lutheran, 8 p.m. Also LCW meeting. Chas. Connor Library, stories & film for pre-schoolers, 2 p.m. Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: "Arabic Night", 5:30 - 8 p.m. Richvale Library, Lamppoon Puppet Theatre, 10 - 11 a.m. Pre-school. Thornhill Amateur Radio Club, Thornlea Secondary, 8 p.m. Info: 881-2891. Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library film "Yellow Submarine", 2 p.m.	22 Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library bingo, 2 p.m. Richmond Hill Right to Life meeting, 7:30 p.m. 91 Rockport Cres. Info: 884-5427. Mobile citizenship court, Richvale Community Centre, 2 - 8 p.m. Info: 883-2234. Chas. Connor Library Lamppoon Puppet Theatre, all ages, 2 - 3 p.m. Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band rehearsals, St. Joseph's School, 7:30 p.m. Info: 884-8873. Air cadets, male & female, 12 - 18 yrs., Legion, Ohio Rd. 7 p.m. Info: 884-4521.	23 Richvale Library, "Word Weavers", ages 6-10, 10:30 - noon. Richmond Hill Library, finger painting, ages 4-9. Pre-register, 2-3 p.m. Chas. Connor "Word Weavers", 2-2:30 p.m. kids, 6-10 yrs. Friday Night Youth Program for kids, 13-16, at Don Head, 7-10 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689. Langstaff Gymnastics Club display, 2 p.m. Info: 889-6877 or 663-5183. Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library film program, 2 p.m.	24 Richmond Hill Library, five films, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Thornhill Community Centre Library, three films, children, 6-12 years, 10:30 a.m. March 24 Thornhill Comm. Ctre, Toronto Suomi Lions' Dance.
25 Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Ave., 7:30 p.m. "Coping with Death" at St. Matthew's United Church, 7:30 p.m. Info: 884-3606. Ecumenical Lenten Service at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Thornhill, 7:15 p.m.	26 Craft evening, St. Paul's United, Oak Ridges, 7:30 p.m. Info: 773-5603. Lions' Bingo, 7:40 p.m. Centre Street, Richmond Hill. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689. Weaving 1 starts at Burr House. Info: 884-8574. Book Discussion at Thornhill Community Centre Library, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Scrabble Games, Richvale Comm. Ctre, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Alateen, Aurora United at 8 p.m. Info: 773-4539.	27 Ladies night out. Yoga & a variety of crafts, Viking Club, Oak Ridges, 7 p.m. Blood Donor Clinic, St. Mary Immaculate Church, 2-8:30 p.m. Stroke Recovery meeting, Don Head School, 7:30 p.m. Scone tea, Burr House, Carrville Road, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Info: 884-0327. Storytime for pre-schoolers 3 to 5 yrs. Thornhill Community Centre Library, 2 p.m. Block Parents Annual Meeting, Blue Flame Room, Consumers' Gas Bldg, Elgin Mills Road, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. all welcome.	28 St. John Ambulance Brigade training session, Don Head, 8 p.m. Info: 884-4204. Lenten Service, St. Paul's Lutheran, 8 p.m. Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: "Original Alpine Showband", 5:30 - 8 p.m. Dyeing starts at Burr House. Info: 884-8574. Book Discussion group, Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Canadian Progress Club-York Central meeting, 7 p.m. Info: Dave Amos 884-3888.	29 Rotary Travelogue, Bayview Secondary School, 8 p.m. "The Canadian Far West". Weaving II starts at Burr House. Info: 884-8574 or 884-6193. Quilting also starts. Richmond Hill Library annual film festival Mon., May 14. Brochures available at the end of March. Info: 884-0130. St. Mary's Anglican "A Christian Approach to Effective Living" 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: 884-2227. Can. Housewives Register meeting, 8 p.m. Info: Mrs. Duggan 884-6738.	30 York Symphony Orchestra Concert - Wine & Cheese - 7065 Islington, Woodbridge. Info: 851-1471 or 851-0283. Monte Carlo Night, Lions Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets: 884-7549. Friday night Youth Program film Don Head for kids 13 to 16, 7-10 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge., Info: 884-1689. Progressive Conservative Social Get Together, Thornhill Community Centre.	31 Canadian Cancer Assn., flag raising ceremony at R. Hill Town Hall, 10 a.m. Thornhill Comm. Ctre Library art. Leonard Hutchinson oils on display. Thornhill Comm. Ctre Library pre-school French, two 10-week sessions beginning mid-April. Info: 881-5668. "The Path to Knowledge," Waldorf School Association, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Info: 884-6047. Modern Square Dance, Richmond Hill United, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1059.
1 Ecumenical Lenten Service Holy Trinity Anglican, Thornhill, 7:15 p.m. "Coping With Death" at St. Matthew's United Church, 7:30 p.m. Info: 884-3606. Income Tax clinic for seniors and low income people, noon to 8 p.m. Info: 883-2234.	2 Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Prints, slides and talk, 7 p.m. Income tax clinic for seniors and low income people, noon to 8 p.m. Info: 883-2234. Lions Bingo at 7:40 p.m. Centre Street, Richmond Hill. Craft evening, St. Paul's United, Oak Ridges, 7:30 p.m. Info: 773-5603.	3 Income tax clinic for seniors and low income people, noon to 8 p.m. Info: 883-2234.	4 Lenten Chapel service, 7:30 to 8 p.m. Richmond Hill United. Parents and pre-schoolers at St. Mary Immaculate Separate School, 11 a.m. to noon. Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: Banjo and Brass Reunion, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lenten service St. Paul's Lutheran, 8 p.m.	5 Richvale Writers Club, 79 Denham Drive, 8 to 11 p.m. Info: 889-6703. Block Parents Executive meeting, York Regional Police Station, Major Mackenzie Drive, R. Hill at 7:30 p.m. Info: 881-5608. Langstaff Secondary School, Parents Night at 7 p.m.	6 Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689. Friday night Youth program for kids 12 to 16 years, 7 to 10 p.m., Don Head. Canadian Housewives Register Annual Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Sutton Place Hotel. Tickets: 884-6738.	7 One Parent Family Assoc. Dance, Thornhill Comm. Ctre, 8:30 p.m. Order of the Eastern Star Rummage Sale, 10 a.m. to noon St. Mary's Anglican, Wrixon Hall. Info: 884-2275 or 884-5402. Rummage Sale . . . St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
Yoga, Richmond Hill United Church, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. for beginners; 8:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. for intermediates. York Philharmonic Choir practice, R. Hill Baptist, 7:30 p.m.	Richvale Lions Drum Corps and Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. CGIT, Richmond Hill United Church for girls, 12 to 17 years of age, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 884-5971. Free topical fluoride clinic for children 3 to 16 years old, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for information and appointment: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324.	Unit for information and appointment: 884-1689. A Morning Out, Richmond Hill United Church, 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. 884-9722. Richmond Hill Lions Bingo, Thornhill Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Parent Concern, 8 to 10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503. Counterweight, Richmond Hill Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge.	information and appointments: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, Ohio Road, Richmond Hill, 7:35 p.m. Yoga Classes at Thornhill Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 8:45 to 10 p.m. Yoga Class, Richmond Hill United Church, 9 to 10:15 a.m. for beginners and 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.	for intermediates, 884-2671. Weight Watchers, Concord Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. 669-2173. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Maple Leaf Accordion Band, McKillop School, 7 to 9 p.m. 884-8390. Navy League, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, 6:45 p.m. Boys 10 to 13 welcome. 223-8868. Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m. to noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m. to noon.