



Bonne Année

The Maple Man is Coming!

Did you know that Canada produces approximately 80% of the world's maple syrup and that Quebec accounts for over 90% of Canada's total production? At one time maple sugar was as common on the table as salt is today!

There is a rich history associated with maple harvest time in Canada. In the early days of colonization, First Nations people showed French settlers how to collect the sweet sap of certain trees and boil it down to a thick syrup.

Because most types of sugar were hard to find and very expensive, the process of harvesting maple syrup soon became an important part of colony life.

Today the maple harvest is a time of celebration at the Sugar Shack/La Cabane à Sucre with rich traditions of song, dance and foods.



The Maple Man/La Grande Coulée

Thanks to the support CPF Saanich Chapter has received during our last few years of magazine drives, we are able to bring this wonderful event to **both** Keating (Jan. 14th) **and** Deep Cove (Jan. 15th) schools this year.

CPF Saanich is funding the full cost of these events, allowing English and French Immersion elementary students in both schools to have the opportunity to experience this French-Canadian tradition.

Students will be treated to a lesson on the history and culture associated with maple harvest time and will taste maple taffy. This activity is one the children remember well past their time at elementary school.



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**Our Next
CPF-Saanich Chapter
Meetings**

Wed., Jan. 9th
Deep Cove Elementary

Wed., Feb. 13th
Keating Elementary

All meetings start at 7pm

