

The many different types of learning that stem from cultural experiences in school contribute significantly to the construction of students' identities. Culture, moreover, is something that can create a strong sense of belonging within the school and discourage students from dropping out. Teachers throughout Québec serve as a powerful force for culture in the schools. They are the ones who facilitate contact between the worlds of culture and education.

Culture in the Schools, a Class Act! brings together a wide range of activities and resources intended to support and inspire teachers in carrying out stimulating projects that promote culture as a source of knowledge and learning:

## ACTIVITIES

The Essor Recognition Awards

Cultural Activities Month at School

## RESOURCES

The Culture in the Schools program

The Répertoire de ressources culture-éducation

Theme song

Financial support for school board cultural committees

# TOOLS CREATED JUST FOR YOU

Let them inspire you!

For more information,  
consult the following Web site :

[www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/culture-ecole](http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/culture-ecole)

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School is an ideal place to promote culture. This is why the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport and the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications have been working closely together for the past several years to provide teachers with the tools they need to integrate all aspects of culture into learning. In the fall of 2013, they renewed their joint commitment by signing the new Protocole d'entente interministériel Culture-Éducation, which replaces the agreement signed in 1997 and aims to strengthen collaboration between the culture and education communities.

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## THE CULTURE IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Introducing kids to culture is an awesome experience!

The Culture in the Schools program provides school administrators and teachers with financial assistance to help them carry out artistic and cultural projects in the schools. The objective of the program is to educate young people to become culturally active citizens by involving them in a variety of cultural experiences, through the collaboration of artists, writers and professional cultural organizations. Schools must submit their projects in early fall.

### New

A new component of the Culture in the Schools program, entitled "Schools host an artist," will be implemented gradually and will give artists, writers and professional cultural organizations listed in the *Répertoire de ressources culture-éducation* the opportunity to carry out medium- and long-term projects in schools beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

Take advantage of this unique source of information!

## THE RÉPERTOIRE DE RESSOURCES CULTURE-ÉDUCATION

Available on the Internet, the *Répertoire de ressources culture-éducation* contains profiles of some 2000 artists, writers and professional cultural organizations and constitutes a unique source of information for people and organizations who wish to plan cultural activities with young people. In addition to providing direct contact with members of the arts community, this directory offers young people artistic and cultural activities in all arts disciplines and literary genres in both English and French. Consult the updated directory at: [www.mcc.gouv.qc.ca/rencontres](http://www.mcc.gouv.qc.ca/rencontres).

It's your turn to play!

## THEME SONG

Go to the Culture in the Schools, a Class Act! Web site to view the video clip of the theme song, performed by William Deslauriers, who is accompanied by students from École du Marais and Polyvalente de Normandin. The sheet music for the song is also available on the Web site so that you can perform it yourself.

## THE ESSOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

Check out the theme and get your creative juices flowing!

The annual Essor Recognition Awards pay tribute to the excellence, efforts and enthusiasm of the educators and school authorities who help young people undertake innovative and imaginative projects at school, in conjunction with the cultural resources of their community. Schools that have carried out a cultural project involving the arts and other subjects with their students during the past school year could be eligible for a regional or provincial prize. The deadline for project submissions is the end of May.

To find out about the numerous prizes, eligibility requirements and how to participate, go to: [www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/culture-ecole](http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/culture-ecole).

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES MONTH AT SCHOOL

February is **Cultural Activities Month at School**. It is a special time for holding original activities that spark students' interest in cultural projects connected with a subject taught at school. Various resources are available on the Web site of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport to provide teachers with inspiration.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL BOARD CULTURAL COMMITTEES

The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport supports the creation and operation of school board cultural committees, whose mandate is to lead cultural activities in the schools. Requests for financial support must be submitted no later than May 1.

If you would like to make culture a part of your school, we can help!