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The Regional Association of West Quebecers (RAWQ) and Canadian Parents for French - Quebec (CPF-Q) are pleased to bring CIRCO HUMANO, an intercultural, interactive, and pedagogical circus performance to Wakefield Elementary school. This two-part project funded by Canadian Heritage sees CIRCO HUMANO people working initially with Physical Education teachers. The second part is a public performance for students and parents at the school.

Sean Butler of Canadian Parents for French - Quebec states,

"The goal of CIRCO HUMANO is to help students enhance their language skills and confidence in French while having fun at the same time."

Circo Humano is Annick Détolle and Bernard Arène - two multidisciplinary artists from Montreal who bring their circus performance and workshop to schools across the country. Their show is a celebration of the richness of different cultures. They take students on a tour of the world, with music, juggling, tight-rope walking, unicycling, and stilt-walking.

Circo will be visiting Wakefield Elementary's Cycle 3 gym class on December 4. Their presentation will actively engage the students, teaching them some simple circus skills, while also giving them an exciting opportunity to practise their French.

"The best way for anyone to improve and maintain their second-language skills is to use them outside the class room and have fun too," says Heather Stronach, Executive Director of the Regional Association of West Quebecers.

Canadian Parents for French is the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. There are currently 25,000 members across Canada.

RAWQ is a community-based not-for-profit organization which serves and supports the English-speaking population of West Quebec by fostering an environment in which it can thrive. Its key activities are in health, education, culture and youth. RAWQ also plays a significant role in advocacy on behalf of the English-speaking community.

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