



## ***Square dancing, wooden spoons part of exploring Metis culture*** - Woking School

Woking School explored the Metis culture in September when it welcomed Les Bucherons.

Students spent a day working with the gentlemen to learn about French language and culture through dance, song, dancing puppets and musical spoons. As well as learning a dance, students completed an activity with dancing men or wooden spoons as they rotated through various stations.

The culminating event was a concert in which Les Bucherons shared songs, dances and historical stories while the children demonstrated a skill they had learned. Kindergarten to Grade 2 students played the spoons and showed how the wooden men dance; Grade 3 and 4 students demonstrated a square dance and played the spoons; and Grade 5-8 students performed a line dance.

“It was a great day enjoyed by students, staff, and even community members. We had the chance to immerse ourselves in the Metis culture and language, and open our eyes to the outside world,” said Principal Kathy Anderson.