

Concours de Bûche de Noël

7th and 8th grade students of French at Mattlin MS and POB MS celebrated the holiday season with an annual tradition – Concours de Bûche de Noël. Each year, students of French have the opportunity to participate in this contest in which they make a cake in the form of a yule log. Traditionally, this is the log that French families put on the fire, around which family and friends gather around to celebrate. The cake is typically rolled like a log and decorated with icing and meringue mushrooms. Students were encouraged to be creative in their presentations.



Teachers and staff stopped by the event to judge cakes based on a variety of criteria, such as “best icing,” “best presentation,” “most patriotic,” etc. Before the cake testing contest began at Mattlin MS, students of French sang “Vive le vent” in the target language with musical accompaniment by classmates.

At both middle schools, students and faculty enjoyed the delicious sweet pastries, which represent an important cultural product. This activity meets the national standards in Foreign Language learning for Communities and Cultures.



A great big *Merci* to all of the students who participated in the contest!