

French Immersion Corner

Réveillon

Christmas Eve for French Canadians was the highlight of the holidays as they prepared for days for the Réveillon (the evening meal). They would decorate the tree and place the crèche, a Nativity scene, under the tree before going to midnight mass. They would then come home from church to a feast of tourtière, a meat pie, and various other dishes. Topping off the meal was the Yule log, a chocolate cake in the shape of a log to symbolize the birch log burned in the fireplace on Réveillon before the French people came to Canada.

The name 'Réveillon' is based on the word réveil meaning "waking," due to the custom of staying awake until after midnight.

French Immersion students and staff at École Muriel Martin will be celebrating Réveillon on Wednesday, December 17th. This annual event is possible because of the support of Muriel Martin families. Merci et Joyeux Noël!



Crème de la crème – book display

Each year we put together a list of top French books for children. In an effort to showcase these books, we will be holding a reading contest. Beginning in the month of January, each time a student reads one of the crème de la crème books, his or her name will be entered into a draw. There will be a draw box for division one (K-3) and division two students (4-6). A winner will be chosen from each division.

Parent Resource

Pronunciation Website:

http://www.oddcast.com/home/demos/tts/tts_example.php

The text-to-speech application of this site allows you to type words or phrases in French and have them spoken with the correct pronunciation. This can be useful for dictée practice, preparation for oral presentations or verification of pronunciation when reading in French.