



French Café 2018 – Le Café de Whoville



What is the French Café? The French Café is a big Charity event. The purpose of it is to collect funds to buy Christmas presents for children of less fortunate families in our community.

In 2005, the 5th grade students initiated the first French Café (the Wolves Café) of the Maurepas School during Literacy Night. We arranged 16 students' desks into four tables for our customers.

We were located in the “basement” and collected \$177.85. Right away, it became a tradition. Since then, during Literacy Night or Math Night, fifth graders have opened and hosted their café. This tradition has grown bigger every year.

In 2007, we moved our café to the school cafeteria to have more room for our customers. The French Café grew so fast that more people volunteered to help. Beta Club students, faculty, and staff started to donate supplies and volunteer their time to the café. In 2014, the café was so popular that it had to host its own night. Now, we host the café in the main building, and it occupies the whole first floor. Customers sit in the auditorium, and the “kitchen” is in the basement. We have also added a program and activity booths on the second floor.

Today, The French Café is so big that the whole school participates in the event, taking part in the program, creating ornaments and pieces of art for sale during the night, helping with the organization, working at the event, etc. Last year, we raised **\$11,753.19**. We were able to provide presents to over 100 children. We were also able to provide students with school supplies, uniforms, and even help with graduation fees.

The existence of our traditional French Café is not possible without your support and donations. Students, parents, friends of the school, community members, and faculty and staff members donate every year food, drinks and art pieces for students to sell. All money raised under the French Café charity will go for this very good cause.

This year, we worked hard to make the café bigger than ever. This is why we invite you to enjoy the food, to visit our booths, “Santa’s Little Workshop,” “Cake Walk,” “Raffle for a Gift Basket,” “Picture with Santa,” “Silent Auction,” and “An Ornament for a Donation,” on the second floor, and to appreciate the Christmas program.

We hope that you will come and enjoy your night at **le Café de Whoville**, our fourteenth French Café.

