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Melinda Keenan

Family & Consumer Sciences Educator,
Newnan, GA

Entry: **Nutrient-Rich Baking: Incorporating the Six Essential Nutrients**



2024 BAKE TO GIVE AWARD WINNER

Noah Rabinowitz

Dix Hills, NY

Entry: **Noah's Community Cakes**

Honorable Mentions:

- Sophia Fontecchio, Downingtown, PA
Entry: *Let's Bake the World A Better Place*
- Jadyn Kay Ramazani, Brandon, SD
Entry: *Serving Those Who have Served Us*



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Everything Baking Bakers Should Know

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Spend time together in the kitchen

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Birthday Celebrations: How Baking At Home Takes You Around The Globe

Elizabeth Hagan - Family & Consumer Sciences Educator - Keaner HS, Carroll, Iowa

Birthdays are celebrated in a variety of ways across the globe. Each culture has its own traditions and customs. This activity is designed to help students learn about different cultures and traditions through the lens of baking. Students will research the traditions of a specific country and create a birthday cake that represents that culture. This activity is suitable for students in grades 4-6.

Objectives:

- Students will learn about the history of birthday celebrations and cakes.
- Students will understand the cultural significance of birthday traditions.
- Students will create a birthday cake that represents a specific culture and understand the traditions behind it.
- Students will share their findings and creations with their classmates.
- Students will learn about the importance of celebrating birthdays in different cultures.

Materials:

- Internet access for research
- Markers and colored paper for creating birthday cards
- Ingredients and tools for baking birthday cakes
- Decorations for the cakes
- Recipe books for different cultures

Procedure:

- Assign students to research different countries and their birthday traditions.
- Students will create a birthday card for each country, including the name of the country, the date of the birthday, and a drawing of the birthday cake.
- Students will bake a birthday cake for each country, using the recipes provided.
- Students will share their findings and creations with their classmates.
- Students will learn about the importance of celebrating birthdays in different cultures.

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed on their research, creativity, and understanding of different cultures.
- Students will be assessed on their ability to create a birthday cake that represents a specific culture.
- Students will be assessed on their ability to share their findings and creations with their classmates.

Extensions:

- Students can create a birthday cake for a friend or family member.
- Students can create a birthday cake for a charity.
- Students can create a birthday cake for a special occasion.

Keywords: Birthdays, Celebrations, Baking, Culture, Traditions, Research, Creativity, Understanding, Different, Countries, Traditions, Cakes, Recipes, Sharing, Learning, Importance, Celebrating, Birthdays, Different, Cultures.

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