

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BUSH



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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I send greetings to those celebrating National French Week 2006 hosted by the American Association of Teachers of French.

Education is the future of our country and the cornerstone of a hopeful tomorrow. Since 1927, the American Association of Teachers of French has encouraged the study of the French language and provided teachers with important educational resources. By organizing National French Week each year, the AATF encourages learning, promotes cultural awareness, and provides an opportunity to showcase the academic abilities of students across America.

I appreciate AATF teachers for building the minds and character of our Nation's youth and helping them gain important knowledge about languages and cultures from around the world. Your efforts make a positive difference in our communities and reflect our country's commitment to academic excellence.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".