

*Kolacky - as
you know them -
might not even be
kolacky at all*

I've been teaching in a secondary school in Cheb, Czech Republic for nearly six months now, and I recently had some visitors come from New Prague, one of them being my grandma. She made sure to bring some "kolacky" from Skluzacek's, which she offered to the receptionist at our Prague hotel (his name was Mr. Kubeš).

I brought the remaining pastries to work with me, and I shared them with both my students and my colleagues. Immediately upon seeing the treats, they said, "Oh, buchty!" They were familiar with the rolls, but they call them a different name - buchta.

Kolačky here are open-faced sweet pastries filled with poppyseed, tvaroh (a type of cream cheese), apple, or raspberry filling.

Whatever they're called, the Czechs over here enjoyed our variation of the treat. I guess you can't go wrong with sweet bread and a fruity filling.

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