

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is our practice, as a result of increased allergies and health issues, to not share any food items for birthday treats at school. We all acknowledge that a child's birthday is special and each individual should be celebrated on their birthday or half-birthday (if it falls during the summer months).

You can expect the following events to happen in honor of your child's birthday:

- We will announce student birthdays during the morning news and students will receive a pencil from the office.
- In our classrooms there will be special activities to recognize students' birthdays.
- Birthdays will be celebrated once a month, in our cafeteria, and our cooks will provide each child an approved treat during their birthday month.

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We ask that you honor this practice and do not bring food items for birthdays. Although the safety of the students is our primary concern, it would be appreciated if you also refrained from sending any items as birthday "prizes." Our goal is to keep the focus on students and learning rather than students concerned with what "prize" they may bring their peers on their birthday.

When school classrooms coordinate celebrations, your child's teacher will let families know of requested items to support the classroom. Once again, food items will be specified to ensure the safety of all of our students.

We appreciate your support and I encourage you to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you!
Cary Krusemark,
Principal