



# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays are special days for students. As a result of our participation in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, we will celebrate birthdays without food as part of the school celebration. Please do not send cupcakes or any other food items for birthdays. Not only will this eliminate many unhealthy treats, this decision has secondary benefits such as time taken from instruction for teachers to serve, find utensils, monitor and manage food. This will also eliminate concerns about allergies and other food restrictions. We will leave the hosting of birthday parties, cake, cupcakes, for each family to celebrate at home.

On your child's special day, we will continue to make a morning announcement, celebrate in the front office with a gift from the principal, and receive a special sticker. As your child moves throughout the school on their special day, teachers, the front office, and the staff in the cafeteria will wish them a happy birthday. Students may bring a small token for their classmates, such as a pencil, eraser, etc. to share with classmates (not required). Parents may also choose to purchase a book to donate to their classroom teacher in honor of their child's birthday. In classrooms students will sing and teachers will make each child feel special on their birthday. You are also welcome to join your child in the cafeteria for lunch!

## LUNCH WITH YOUR STUDENT

You are always welcome to enjoy lunch with your student. HOWEVER, please be aware of the following:

- ⇒ At most lunches, there may be no room for parents to actually sit with your child. We will ask you to take your child outside to the picnic benches. Apologies in advance for the inconvenience, but as we have grown in population, our Multipurpose Room seems to have shrunk!
- ⇒ You may bring ONLY YOUR student outside with you; we have seen too many hurt feelings with the young ones.
- ⇒ We expect that your student will return to his/her classroom at the end of the regular lunch time.

Again, our thanks for complying with our procedures.