



## Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are special days. 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 students or staff birthdays to share. 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 celebrate in the front office with a small gift and 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!