

### **Classroom celebrations**

The Board of Education Student Wellness Policy 6142.101 was revised in August 2018. Please note the following changes:

#### **Birthdays**

The district believes in celebrating birthdays. However, these special events will no longer include food. The schools will recognize student birthdays in the following manner:

- Share birthday on morning announcements
- Provide a birthday certificate and pencil
- Child will have option to have class sing

Three times a year, classroom teachers will provide an extra recess to celebrate the birthdays during that season. Summer birthdays will be included.

If families wish to recognize their child's birthday during the school day, they can choose one of the following. We kindly ask that whatever is chosen does not exceed fifteen minutes:

- Non-food goodie bag for students in class
- Child can do a special share/student of the day
- Parent can share a story with the class

Parents can always send in a special treat for their own child in their lunch and/or donate a birthday book to the library. Balloons are not allowed due to allergies.

#### **Holidays/Celebrations**

The district has identified four school-wide times during the year when a special snack can be provided to the students. These four events include: Halloween, winter holidays, Valentine's Day, and end of the year. The snack for these events must be purchased off a pre-approved list through the cafeteria as coordinated by the room parents & PTA. As in the past, a healthy treat will be offered as an option.

It is important to note that any food for a holiday or other curricular based event must be ordered through the cafeteria. As a friendly reminder, food from homes and/or stores is no longer allowed to be served to students.