

Classroom Birthday Celebrations

This message is to inform you of a change we are making in the Liberty Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year. As you know, we have been working to transform our school and classrooms to make learning more appropriate and deeper to enhance student learning. As our school continues to evolve, traditional ways of doing things are no longer relevant. Due to the reasons highlighted below, we will now celebrate student birthdays in fun and different ways that does not involve bringing and handing out treats.

1. Most snacks brought for birthdays are unhealthy (cupcakes, cookie cake, donuts, etc.) and many times students are having multiple treats in one day.
2. School staff have to approve snacks for classrooms with allergies and often times the snacks are not acceptable to hand out due to allergies. (Board Policy JHCF)
3. There is an increase of the number of students with life-threatening allergies.
4. Snacks are expensive and some families are unable to provide snacks for the class.
5. This plan better supports wellness initiatives at the local, state, and federal level. (District Wellness Program Policy ADF)

Every child's birthday is extremely important to celebrate and recognize this special milestone. Our school will provide the following to each child on their birthday:

Your child's teacher will provide an opportunity to recognize and celebrate your child's special day in the classroom. (Special seating, M.V.P. time, sticker or birthday crown, etc.)

We thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to find the most appropriate ways to meet the changing needs of our school. We always want to do what is best for kids. Please feel free to share any questions or information with your child's teacher. We look forward to a great 2017-18 school year!

Sincerely,

Janae Bink
Principal, Liberty ECC