

SPECIAL EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS

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Celebrating a birthday, observing a special holiday, or acknowledging a major achievement or accomplishment are highlights in every child's life. Celebrations of these events often occur in your child's school setting. In order to ensure the health and safety of all students, we request observance of the following guidelines:

1. Any edible food items sent to school for distribution to students must be from the approved snack list. The list can be found at the Child Nutrition website <http://rpchildnutrition.org/>.
2. Items must be individually prepackaged items or food items in the manufacturer's sealed packaging. This practice eliminates homemade food items from being sent to school for distribution to all students. This applies to classroom birthday snacks and school sponsored events and parties.
3. With the increased number of students experiencing food-related allergies, we encourage parents to provide written medical documentation of major food difficulties their child may experience.
4. Students may bring a simple, prepackaged treat (reference item # 1) to share with their classmates on their birthday. Treats will be eaten at a designated snack time or as a dessert at lunch. Students having a summer birthday may celebrate their half-birthdays with classmates. Birthday treats are strictly optional and must come from the district approved snack list. Birthday parties may not be conducted at school. Invitations to birthday parties and birthday gifts may not be distributed at school.
5. Students and parents will not be permitted to bring pets to school.
6. Children not on the class list may not attend classroom parties or building celebrations. This includes younger or older siblings, etc.
7. Parents not wishing for their children to participate in seasonal celebrations or birthday celebrations are requested to notify the school in writing of that desire.