

August 29, 2017



Dear Cleveland Families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! New this year, we have joined with multiple schools across the district that are implementing rules that **do not allow food items** to be sent or brought to school for birthday recognitions. We all know that birthdays are important to every child and that kids like to celebrate with their classmates. However, sending in a food treat to the classroom to celebrate can exclude those children who have food allergies, diabetes or other dietary restrictions. If you would like an alternative to food treats for your child's birthday celebration at school, below are some suggestions. Always check with your child's teacher first to see what he/she finds acceptable for their classroom and be sure to provide advanced notice so they can plan time in their daily schedule.

Each child will be recognized in the office on the morning announcements as well as given a special prize and birthday crown to wear all day at school. This will give an opportunity to all students in the school to wish our birthday child a "Happy Birthday!"

Some ideas to recognize your child's birthday could include: (Classroom teachers will discuss this in greater detail at Curriculum Night)

- Donating a book or a classroom supply
- Donating a game for indoor recess to the class
- Providing individual erasers, stickers or pencils for each student

Thank you, in advance, for your support in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students at Cleveland Elementary.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Regan, Principal & the Cleveland Staff