

Austin Parkway Elementary

Parent Notice for birthday celebrations

Dear Parents,

The state has made changes in the nutrition rules for schools. We are allowed to celebrate birthdays with food at school. Therefore, please refer to the guidelines below regarding birthdays.

- Students may bring a treat for each member of their class. Unfortunately it must be store bought due to state health guidelines.
- The treats will be distributed in the cafeteria **after** lunch and just before clean-up time.
- PPCD is the only exception, they will serve their treats where it best suits their needs.
- The teachers will help with the distribution if needed.
- Treats must be individual portions that are easy to handle. Cupcakes, cookies, popsicles, ice cream bars etc. are now ok as well as items on the approved list from the state. Please do not send cakes that need to be sliced and served on a plate.
- **Parties will not be held.** Please do not send cups or drinks. No balloons or party bags or party favors are permitted. Invitations to birthday parties may be handed out at school if:
 - All students are invited from the classroom. Or
 - All girls are invited from the classroom. Or
 - All boys are invited in the classroom.
- As usual we will continue to announce each child's birthday at the daily announcements and give each child a birthday sticker on his/her special day. They will also be serenaded with a harmonized "Happy Birthday" song from the part of the front office staff that can actually carry a tune!