

Birthday Celebrations and School Celebrations

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Last year we made some changes in our school policies and procedures and found most to be effective. However we determined we could improve on this policy with some additional changes for this school year. We have had an increase of students with allergies and find it necessary to further clarify the guidelines as well as ensure fidelity to the instructional time policy. The leadership team met to come up with solutions and presented those to the SBDM. We believe we have improved our policy to make it workable for all. We now have an approved Treat List for all birthday celebrations and school celebrations that will provide a wide variety of options while being conscientious of our students with allergies.

Student Birthdays:

1. Sending birthday treats must be prearranged with the teacher. When birthdays occur on the same day the teacher will need to make arrangements for different days.
2. If your child has a summer birthday and would like to bring a snack for the class in honor of that birthday, please make sure to prearrange with the teacher. Just pick the day.
3. Student may bring a treat for his/her class only on the birthday.
4. All snacks sent to school for celebrations should come from the approved list in order to provide a classroom environment consistent with allergy concerns especially nut allergies. We encourage you to choose a nonfood item if possible, however we do have an extensive food list.
5. Please make sure the treats are brought to school in some type of throw away container.
6. No drinks should be sent to school for birthdays.
7. Birthday invitations will not be distributed at school. This has created more than a little chaos and hurt feelings in the past. Our PTA will complete a school directory very early in the school and can be used for you convenience. This will allow your child to send invitations to their friends at home.
8. For birthdays please remember we do have special occasion lunches for the children. If you would like to eat lunch with your child on a special occasion, such as the child's birthday, please just notify the office at least the day before. The office will then notify the lunchroom staff. Please remember that state food regulations do not allow fast foods to be brought into the school cafeteria.

School Celebrations:

1. We have three school celebrations per year. The fall celebration on Oct. 31st, the winter celebration on the last day before the winter break, and Valentine celebration on Feb. 14th.
2. For each celebration the teacher may request up to 3 volunteers for the celebration. Some teachers just have the celebration without the need of volunteers and others will need the help of 3 volunteers.
3. All volunteers for the celebrations will be prearranged with the teacher and the names given to the front office. All volunteers must be certified.
4. Celebrations on those days will begin at 2:15. If you are a volunteer we ask that you arrive between 2:00-2:15, sign-in, and receive a special celebration name tag.
5. Please remember that any snacks for the celebrations must be on the approved list.

Hopefully our updates will be user friendly and safe for all of our children.

Mann Elementary Staff and SBDM



MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2014 - 2015 FOOD/TREAT APPROVED LIST

APPROVED TREAT LIST

Airheads
Apple Slices—Individual bags
Austin brand Animal Crackers (Sam's Club)
Baby Carrots—Individual bags
Barnum's Animal Crackers—Original
Betty Crocker Fruit Roll ups
Betty Crocker Gushers
Cheez-Its
Chip Ahoy Cookies
Doritos
Dum-Dum Suckers
Gold Fish Crackers
Goldfish crackers
Good Health Natural Food -Veggie Chips
Hostess cupcakes
Individual LAYS Potato Chips
Individually wrapped Oreos
Junior Mints
Keebler Club Snack Sticks
Keebler Graham's—(Original, Cinnamon, Honey)

Keebler mini fudge striped cookies
Keebler Scooby Snacks
Keebler Vanilla Wafers
Kraft Caramels
Kraft Handi-Snacks
Kroger/Meijer brand fruit snacks
Lifesaver Gummies
Nabisco Graham's
Popsicles (liquid that you freeze)
Push Pops
Quaker Quakes Rice Snacks
Rice Krispy Treats
Skittles
Smartfood White Cheddar Popcorn
Sour Punch Straws-Apple and Strawberry
Starburst
Sun Chips
Teddy Graham's
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Tootsie Rolls
Twizzlers

SUGGESTED NON-FOOD TREATS

Pencils
Pencil Toppers
Erasers
Temporary Tattoos
Stickers
Games
Activity Sheets
Activity/Fun books
Highlighters
Sidewalk Chalk
Bubbles

PLEASE NOTE

- ◇ All food items must have an ingredient label.
- ◇ Due to concerns for possible allergens, home-baked goods are not permitted.
- ◇ Due to nut allergies, no nuts or products with nuts. This includes items labeled processed in a facility that processes nuts.
- ◇ Vegetables & fruits should be in the individually wrapped store packaging.

