



THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Guardians of Greenwich Public School Students:

A child's birthday can be a very special day, at home and at school. Traditionally in elementary schools in Greenwich, parents have helped their children celebrate their birthdays by bringing in cupcakes or other food items for the class. However, given the increasing number of children whose access to food is limited by allergies, dietary restrictions, custom or religious affiliation, food at birthday celebrations has led to exclusion for some students rather than inclusion. In an effort to make a child's birthday an inclusive celebration for everyone, food will not be permitted at any classroom birthday celebrations.

Instead, each child's birthday will be recognized in school, but with non-food items and other celebratory activities. At The International School at Dundee, we will celebrate birthdays by having the birthday student wear a t-shirt they have decorated themselves. The birthday student will receive birthday wishes and acknowledgement all day long from others he or she comes in contact with. Other activities may take place such as having a parent read a story remotely to the class. These additional activities will be determined by their teacher.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Teresa Ricci
ISD Principal