

DARDEN ELEMENTARY

Darden Birthday Policy

Birthdays are very special and exciting days for all of us! As a school, we want to continue recognizing our students' special day while being sensitive to their wellness, student allergies, and financial hardships. With that said, beginning this year, we will be **moving away from** edible treats for birthdays and replacing them with non-food celebrations. Your child will still be recognized on our Darden morning announcements!

WE WILL	WE WILL NOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wish your child a Happy Birthday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allow any food or treats - including cupcakes, cakes, donuts, candy, pizza, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognize your child's birthday on Darden morning announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allow parents to bring in any food, balloons, flowers, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be healthy & safety conscious	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use food as a reward
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be sensitive to others' beliefs in regards to birthday celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pass out birthday party invitations at school

Together, we can continue to celebrate our students in a healthy and positive way! Thank you in advance for your ongoing cooperation and support. Should you have any questions, please email or call Mrs. Karban, the Darden principal.

Cut at the line below and return the bottom portion to your child's classroom teacher.

Please sign below acknowledging that you have read and understand the Darden Birthday Policy.

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____