

# MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *The Learning and Achieving School*

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Hello Parents,

As a school, we wanted to inform you of some new procedures for class birthdays/celebrations. The USDA, in conjunction with the "Smart Snack Standards" has passed comprehensive legislation and suggestions for snacks in school. For example: Treats with sugar as the number one ingredient cannot be sold or given out in school.

At the same time, we are also sensitive and aware that there are many food allergies. Many schools have eliminated food altogether coming into the classroom. We felt there was a compromise in offering a limited amount of suggestions. Teachers, when they become aware, will notify parents through the DOJO application of existing classroom allergies so parents can make good choices for the class. Please note: your child can opt out of any snack that comes in.

In short, schools are moving toward more healthy options as a whole. We have decided that it is best to limit the options of snacks to be proactive with the changes coming. In order to make it easier for parents, please see the options below for birthdays/holidays:

- Non-food treats such as a goody bag, crafts, pencils and erasers
- Pretzel nuggets (mustard/cheese dips only when applicable)
- Fruit/veggie trays (ranch or vegetable dip, yogurt dip)
- Pizza, have alternate plan for cheese, dairy, or gluten free students
- Popcorn/Crackers (butter, cheese, or plain. No Peanut Butter)
- Packaged goods that list or include the ingredients (Allergy purposes)
  - Treats such as cupcakes, rice krispy treats, cookies are allowed, but not encouraged (due to high sugar content) which is against NJ nutrition policy.
  - No candy or gummies of any type should be brought in.

For holiday celebrations we are asking room parents and teachers to provide balanced nutritional options for celebrations. If you have any questions about the snacks, or what is ok please don't hesitate to reach out to the staff or administration.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to educating students on how to make healthier choices!

Thank you,  
Magnolia Public School

