

# Birthday Treat Options

## Questions and Answers

### Do I have to provide a sweet treat?

No, it is not required to provide a class snack for your child's birthday. Students love to celebrate with pencils, eraser toppers, stickers, etc. If you would like to provide a snack, it does not have to be a sweet treat. Other snack item ideas include individual packages of fruit snacks, packages of apple slices, goldfish, pretzels, and pre-popped popcorn. These are all welcome snacks for birthday recognition. Please be sure that any snack purchased follows the guidelines to prevent allergic reactions.

Another way to recognize your child's birthday is to purchase a birthday book for your child. The cost is \$15. Applications for Birthday Books are available online on our library tab on the NSE webpage or in the library. Each student selects a book from the Librarian's Birthday Book Cart, and a label with the name of the student is inserted into the front of the book as a dedication. The child's picture is taken with the book and posted in the NSE Birthday Hall, and students that participate in the Birthday Book Club will be invited to attend a breakfast in the library.

### Do cupcakes/cookies/brownies/donuts need to be approved?

Yes, if you wish to recognize your child's birthday at school by having cupcakes/cookies etc, you must get approval at least 48 hours in advance.

### Where can I get a copy of the approval form?

You may obtain a copy of the Birthday approval form on our campus webpage or from our front office staff.

### How can my request be approved?

Please complete the NSE Birthday Application and submit it to the front office staff at least 48 hours prior to the cupcake/cookie recognition. This allows us to check the class list for allergies and make alternate plans for students who may not participate due to allergies. You will be notified of the approval once it is signed by the teacher.

### What do I need to provide?

One item/individual serving for each student in the class – Cookies/Cupcakes that are store-bought. All ingredients must be listed on the package. **No homemade items are permitted.** Avoid all nuts, peanut butter, and red dyes. *No drinks, gifts, balloons or gift bags will be permitted or delivered to the room.*

### When should I drop them off at the front office?

Please drop off snack items for the class at the front office no later than 9 a.m.

### When will these recognitions take place?

Each teacher will choose a time for these recognitions that will not interfere with instruction.

### When can we recognize my child's birthday?

All birthdays should be recognized on, immediately before, or immediately after the actual birthday. Parents of students with summer birthdays should contact teachers to secure a convenient time to celebrate.

### May we celebrate things other than birthdays?

The in-classroom snacks will be permitted for birthdays only. Moving out of town or celebrating a tournament victory may be appropriate outside of the school day. Only birthday recognitions may be celebrated at school. At NSE we love recognizing students for extra-curricular activities on Fridays during Morning Assembly.

### May I come to the recognition?

The recognition is "in-class" only and limited to teachers and students so as not to take away from instruction time.