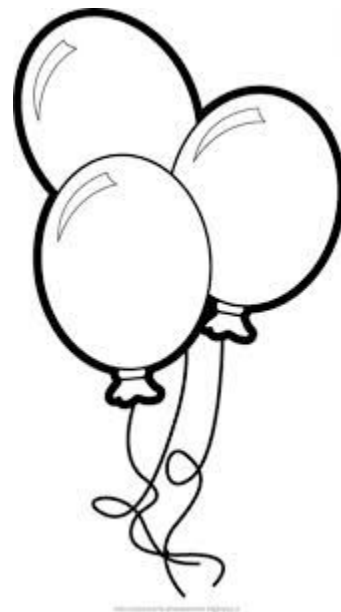


Celebrations and Party Changes

At Haven Grade School, we enjoy honoring students on their birthday. We also respect families that do not want us making a big deal out of their child's birthday. We enjoy many Haven traditions that go along with acknowledging birthdays or half birthdays (if students have a summer birthday). We announce the birthday child's name on the morning announcements, classes sing the "Happy Birthday" song, and families have always had the option of bringing in treats for his or her classmates. Please know that you do not have to send treats or gifts with your child on his or her birthday. Teachers take great pride in making your child feel special on their birthday. If you do feel the need to send something for your child to enjoy with her or his classmates, please follow the birthday guidelines below. Due to the current climate and changing culture please understand and respect the changes we are making in order to keep our students and staff safe.



- All foods must be commercially prepared and prepacked. Foods made at home may not be distributed within the school.
- No Peanuts or Tree nuts
- No Foods or Drinks that require cups or utensils.

We are strongly encouraging families to send non-food items on birthdays. Instead of a food item, please consider sending something for the class to enjoy such as:

- A game for the classroom
- A classroom book (A nice touch would be having your child pick it out, sign it, and date it.)
- A classroom set of items for each child to keep such as pencils, pens, erasers, markers, etc.

The items listed above will still make your child feel special and they will last a lot longer than a food item.

*This school policy will be updated in the Parent/Student handbook next school year.