

## **Birthday and Holiday Celebrations at Medora Elementary**

If you would like to have a class birthday acknowledgement for your child, please speak with your child's teacher in advance. Parents should be mindful of the district's nutritional policy as well as the dietary restrictions of students in the classroom. These birthday recognitions are 30 minutes on the last Friday of the month and limited to the classroom community. Parents are asked to **drop off** the treats in the main office, and these treats will be delivered to the classroom.

Goody bags are not allowed. The school will not permit bouquets of balloons and other celebratory decorations to be sent to the classrooms (these may be left in the office and picked up after school), as these can be distracting to the students' learning environment.

Birthday party invitations are not to be distributed at school. Please send such invitations via the U.S. Mail system.

- We will celebrate the birthdays for the month on the last Friday of the month (if that Friday falls over a break, teacher will schedule party)
- Summer birthdays will be celebrated on a Friday scheduled by the teacher
- Parents may drop off treats in office (not permitted to go back to classroom)
- No homemade items will be permitted (must be prepackaged)

In an effort to provide our students with healthy options that promote a healthy lifestyle in conjunction with our health and wellness policy, classroom snacks must be approved by the healthy snacks calculator. The attached items will be suitable for purchase for a classroom party.

\*Each month, the cafeteria will be recognizing student birthdays with a treat at lunch!

### Class Parties

- Each class will have a total of four class parties-Fall/Halloween Party, Christmas/Winter, Valentine's Day and Easter/Spring
- Signups for class parties will be sent out by individual teachers

*We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe, healthy and happy!*

\*Medora Community Schools supports the health and well-being of its youth by promoting good eating habits and physical activity at all grade levels. In accordance with Child Nutrition, WIC Reauthorization Act and the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, it is the policy of the Medora Community Schools Corporation to provide youth with access to healthy foods and beverages; provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity; and require that all meals served by the facility meet or exceed the federal nutritional guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

\*A copy of the district's Health and Wellness Policy can be found at [medora.k12.in.us](http://medora.k12.in.us)