



Celebrating Student Birthdays at T. Clay Wood Elementary School

Dear Timberwolf Families,

Birthdays are special and significant milestones in each student's life, and we understand the importance of recognizing these special days. We also want to encourage school wide health and wellness, avoid sharing of food items, protect students with serious life-threatening food allergies, and minimize the loss of valuable instructional time. To accomplish these four goals, please review the following guidelines that will be in effect this year.

Invitation to student birthdays: Invitations to parties are not to be distributed in class unless every student in the class is invited.

Morning Announcements: We will recognize all students on the morning announcements on their birthday or before weekends/holidays/school vacations.

Birthday Pencils or Bookmarks: We will pass out a special birthday bookmarks to all students with a card from the office during their birthday month.

Parent/Family recognition: We recognize that parents and families often want to recognize their children's birthdays during the school day. However, since PWCS Schools discourage students from sharing food or beverages during meal or snack times, we have suggested other types of healthy and creative options. Please make a choice from the list below. You may choose only one option. To celebrate my child's special day, we would like:

- _____ The class to enjoy 5-10 extra minutes of recess
- _____ a homework pass for one homework assignment
- _____ To donate a library book in my child's name (Send in \$15 check to librarian made out to TCWES. A name plate and birthday message will be put in book.)
- _____ To send in a non-food item or token for each student in class (Example: Pencils, bookmarks, stickers, erasers, games, etc.)

There are no expectations or requirements that families send in anything above for their child's birthday. We just wanted to give some options to our families since we are following PWCS Regulation 275-1 which discourages students from sharing food items. You can still recognize your own student with a birthday cupcake by sending in just one birthday cupcake for your own child to enjoy during lunch time.

If you still do want to send in a birthday treat, please coordinate with your child's classroom teacher 2-3 days in advance. Treats will be given out in the classroom.

STUDENT NAME: _____ Parent Signature _____

Birthdate: _____ If sending in a token or treat, date you plan to send it in. (Allow 3 weeks for book donation) _____

Our entire T. Clay Wood Elementary School Staff wish your child a safe and Happy Birthday