



## Birthday Celebrations at School

Birthdays are important milestones for children of all ages. At Washington School, we recognize that children enjoy sharing their special day with classmates. In order to ensure that all students may participate fully, we have adopted **food-free** guidelines for these celebrations.

On their actual birthdate, students are given a birthday crown (or sticker, if appropriate) to wear for the day along with a birthday pencil and are recognized by their classroom teacher and classmates.

In addition to activities noted above, parents may choose to do **one** of the following:

1. Provide one small favor to each child (erasers, stickers, notepads, small coloring books, sidewalk chalk, etc). Please limit this to **one** item per child.
2. Send your child to school with an item that their classmates can sign for a birthday remembrance (shirt/sweatshirt, tote bag, stuffed animal, etc.).
3. Buy/donate something for the classroom (books, games, music, etc.).