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Ogdensburg Community,

I hope this letter finds you all well and that you all are enjoying the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season.

I just wanted to follow up with a letter reiterating Class Parties and Birthday Celebrations. In attempts to keep all students safe and to continue to allow class celebrations, we are tweaking the procedures for parties and birthday celebrations. As stated in my previous email, all food items that will be brought in for class parties must be pre-packaged, and a picture of the ingredients sent to your PTO class parents. Please do not email the picture of ingredients directly to Mrs. Block. Your student's PTO class parent will send those pictures to Mrs. Block who will review the ingredients and verify that the ingredients are safe to be in the classroom. Please remember that no homemade items made from a specialty store will be allowed for class parties. Class parents will need the pictures of the ingredients at least 2 days before the party, Mrs. Block will not look at any emails that are sent the day of the party. Any non-verified items will be kept in the office and not allowed in the classroom.

In regards to birthday celebrations, we welcome the celebration of a birthday and welcome "goodie bags" of non-food items. We are restricting food of any type (**starting January 2024**) from being brought in for these celebrations. Fun items in a small bag (pencils, stickers, small fun crafts, etc.) for every student in the class can be handed out and the parents or loved ones are still encouraged to come and be a guest reader for the class if available.

I understand that this may cause mixed reactions but we feel that this is a great compromise that keeps all students safe yet allows the district to continue to have parties and celebrations. As always, I thank you for your support and welcome any constructive suggestions.

Have a good day,

Dave Astor