



JUSTIN PIDGEON

Principal

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Assistant Principal

Dear EverGreen Parents/Guardians,

We are asking that you help us keep all our students' safe at EverGreen Elementary during any school/birthday celebration. This can be done by only sending store bought (pre-packaged/sealed) items in for any celebration. Items that are individually packaged are highly recommended to help with student safety. Some school districts are eliminating any type of treats being brought to school because of the Federal Government's and Pennsylvania's wellness policies they have enacted that we as districts must follow so we ask that these are healthy snacks (see list below). Also, to accommodate a growing number of students with food allergies, juvenile diabetes, and/or auto-immune diseases, **I ask that food items are store bought in a package and label.** The stores have the burden of ensuring there is no cross contamination. If there is a chance that cross contamination could have occurred, it must be on the label. We do not have the luxury of determining that with our homemade goods. We felt by accepting store bought treats, this would be a compromise. It should also be noted that other items can be distributed to your child/children's class such as pencils, stickers, books, crayons, or markers to name a few.

Sometimes to protect our children we need to give up something that we may consider to be a childhood tradition. We hope you understand the position the Western Wayne School District is taking on this important issue. As always, feel free to contact the school with any questions and/or concerns about this procedure. Thank you in advance!

**Healthy Treats**

Fresh fruit  
Fresh vegetables  
String cheese  
Graham crackers

Frozen fruit bars  
Animal crackers  
Low fat granola bars  
Yogurt smoothies

Pretzels  
Water  
Rice cakes  
Yogurt parfaits

Sincerely,

Justin Pidgeon

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