

January 24, 2014

Dear Elementary School Parents and Guardians:

As you know, there have been changes this school year to the elementary food practices for birthday celebrations within the TESD. These changes have resulted in some questions regarding birthday celebrations. The TESD regulation #5403 *Allergies* has been revised as of September 19, 2013 to state that “in-school birthday celebrations, while permitted, may only occur either with fruits and vegetables or without the use of food altogether.” This new language reflects a change from what was communicated to you in a letter sent prior to the start of this school year.

If you wish to have your child celebrate his or her birthday in school, please review this language in order to celebrate with fruits or vegetables or without the use of food altogether. If a non fruit or vegetable treat is sent in for a birthday, we will not be able to serve it in the classroom.

We realize that birthdays are an important part of many students’ classroom experiences and thank you for your support as we implement and clarify our practices. If you would like suggestions for non-food related ways to celebrate your child’s birthday, please contact his or her classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Principal

Nurse