



## BIRTHDAYS

**Pandemic Version:** \*During the Pandemic we have modified the birthday policy.

During the pandemic at school celebrations we are, unfortunately, unable to invite the parents in person to cut a cake together; however your teacher(s) will make sure that you are invited virtually during lunchtime to sing the birthday song together with the classmates. We will cheer our birthday girl/boy up while welcoming him/her from the carpool and you are welcome to bring individually packed goodie bags or cupcakes or another peanut-free treat to share with the classmates. Everything needs to be individually packed and we make sure to disinfect them once again before handing them to the kids. Please remember that we can not have any balloons, icing, food coloring or candles in the school.

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**Non-Pandemic Version:**

At Da Vinci International School, birthdays are a great opportunity to celebrate our students. Parents/guardians may coordinate with their teacher to find a good day and time to celebrate in their classroom.

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY TREATS

**Sending or Bringing Food Items:** Parents/guardians are welcome to distribute “treats” in celebration of their student’s birthday, provided they do not contain, either explicitly or potentially, any ingredients that violate the DVIS Peanut-Free Policy (detailed in this handbook) or ingredients to which any student in the class has reported allergies. See your teacher for classroom allergies.

**Store-Bought Food Items:** Leave in original labeled containers for ingredient verification by the teacher prior to student consumption.

**Homemade Food Items:** Submit a signed document listing the ingredients used.

## ITEMS NOT PERMITTED *(under any circumstances)*

- NO Icing
- NO Food Coloring on/in cakes, pastries, icing, or other items
- NO Candy (*sugar free OK*)
- NO Items that could be considered a choking hazard (*in treat bags especially*)
- NO Candles (*with open flames - LED fine*)
- NO Decorations
- NO Flowers
- NO Balloons (*latex or foil*)

When celebrating faculty/staff birthdays with your class, please adhere to the same rules.



## INVITATIONS

Teachers are not responsible for and will not participate in the distribution of invitations to off-site student parties. Parents/guardians will receive a contact list containing the email addresses of consenting class parents at the start of the year for such purposes or can contact their room parent for this list at any time.

DVIS strongly encourages inclusion and we ask that you invite ALL members of your child's classroom. If this is not feasible then please speak with your child about discretion and remind them frequently that they should not discuss the party at school. We are counting on your cooperation and diligence to protect all our children's feelings.