



## BIRTHDAYS

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.

### Food Items, Decorations, and Take-Home Treats

Parents/guardians may send or bring food items to distribute 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 or ingredients to which any student in the class has reported allergies. See your teacher for classroom allergies.

Store-bought food items should be left in original labeled containers for ingredient verification by the teacher prior to student consumption. If a parent/guardian prefers to bring homemade food items, he/she must submit a signed Ingredient Verification form that confirms that no unapproved ingredients are used.

The following items are NOT allowed in the classrooms under any circumstances:

- **NO Icing or Food Coloring** on/in cakes or other pastries.
- Treat bags cannot contain candy or any items that could be considered a choking hazard
- Decorations
- Flowers
- Candles (*with open flames*)
- 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 at-home student parties of any type. Parents/guardians will receive a contact list containing the email addresses of consenting class parents at the start of the year for such purposes.

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 that they should keep party talk to themselves.

We are counting on your cooperation and diligence to protect all our children's feelings.