

Diamond Creek Elementary

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Dear Parents:

Our district office has approved a Food Policy that is predicated on wellness and promoting healthy activities and discouraging unhealthy activities. At Diamond Creek, this means that **classroom parties can include pizza and healthy veggies such as carrots, broccoli, etc.** Some teachers will ask for classroom gifts in lieu of **birthday** sugary treats. Gifts such as a classroom book or rainy day recess games donated in the child's name to a classroom are welcome. More details will be forthcoming about this component from individual teachers.

There will be no cupcakes or other sugary foods allowed for birthday celebrations. In addition, no homemade baked goods will be allowed. During Market Day and other activities, no food or drink will be allowed. Teachers will communicate with parents about the classroom parties that are scheduled and what items will be acceptable. In some cases, teachers will use sugary items to do specific lessons on rare occasions such as science activities, m & m math, bubblegum science, etc. There may be a few times that sugary items are allowed. For example, Mother's Day and /or Valentine's Day. **In sum, birthday celebrations will not be celebrated with treats.**

This letter is being presented to you to clarify the food policy at Diamond Creek. If you have a clarifying question, seek out your teacher for more information.

Sincerely,

Martin C. Brown