



SVS Birthday Policy:

The safety of our children is of utmost importance and unfortunately food treats are not an option for birthdays including teacher birthdays.

We have many students with a wide range of severe, life threatening allergies to various nuts, milk products, wheat, soy, certain fruits and much more. Although we are very diligent about monitoring the treats that come into the school, it is exceedingly difficult to verify the ingredients in every food product that is brought to school.

One of the milestones each year for your child is celebrating their birthday. Teachers honour children in the classroom on their special day in a variety of ways. As a school community, we would like to restructure the celebration of birthdays and honour your child's special day in a different way.

We have provided the list below as other choices for honouring your children on their special day:

- Donate a book to the school library or classroom in honour of your child's birthday with his/her name inside.
- Have your child bring their favourite book to share and the teacher or child will read it to the class.
- Choose favourite song or musical piece to sing or play for the class

We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to reflect on how to provide all students with a safe and healthy environment. A simple change in policy, which will continue to allow children to be honoured on their birthday, is the prudent action to take. We welcome any suggestions for simple, yet meaningful ways to recognise your child's birthday.