

# *Sayreville Public Schools*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Again, this year, we are discouraging the practice of students celebrating a birthday by sharing food treats. This decision was made in consideration of dietary and health concerns. Instead, it is suggested that you celebrate your child's birthday by purchasing a paperback book to donate to the school or classroom library in his/her name. Such a gift encourages reading and provides enjoyment for many other students over a long time period. Once the book is processed, your child would be recognized by being the first to check it out of the school or classroom library.

Presently, teachers make each child feel special on his/her birthday. We have suggested a gift of a book to the school/class library. However, if you feel that you would like to treat the entire class, please make sure that it is a non-food item such as a sticker, eraser, pencil, etc.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Elementary Principals