Classroom Celebration/Food Guidelines

At Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School, all classroom celebrations MUST be approved in advance by administration and the teacher. Please DO NOT plan parties and other such events without prior approval from administration. In order to maintain a focus on academics, administration asks that students sign a memory book or do some type of written reflection in lieu of a party.

In those rare cases when a classroom celebration may be appropriate, contact administration in advance for approval.

If food is involved, please follow the guidelines below:

1. All food/snacks must be store bought and labeled with ingredients. No food or snacks can contain any peanuts/nuts, nor can they be manufactured in a facility that manufactures other products containing those foods. For example, if the ingredient label reads the following, it can't be given out to the class: "Contains traces of nuts or manufactured in a facility or on equipment with other nut products.

2. No homemade food/snacks. Avoid products baked in "neighborhood" bakeries that do not have a label. Also, products from these bakeries may have been prepared using equipment with other baked goods that contain nuts.

3. All food products must be cleared by the nurse/administration prior to being taken to the classroom.

4. No food or snacks are to be sent home with students. All leftovers must be discarded.

5. After receiving administrative approval, the classroom teacher must send home a notice with the students in advance outlining your plans to have food in the classroom. Include a contact number in case parents/guardians have questions or concerns.

6. Goody bags must only contain non-food items.

Please contact administration if you have any questions.