

## **School-Specific Procedures**

## **Food Guidelines for Student Safety**

To best ensure the safety of students and staff members who may suffer from life-threatening food allergies, and to support the religious and cultural values of many of our families, we continue to ask that parents please DO NOT send food to school to celebrate your child's birthday.

For the reasons mentioned above, many students are unable to eat various foods and therefore, too often, food that arrives at school is unable to be shared. If you do wish to send something to school on your child's birthday, then **please consider some alternatives to food**. Colourful and decorative pencils, erasers, book marks and stickers are always well received by children, as are small loot bags containing a few dollar store items. Alternatively, why not consider donating an age-appropriate book to your child's classroom library?

If a teacher determines that a specific situation or event in the classroom may/can include food, families will be informed ahead of time, and all food will be confirmed as "nut free" and "allergy safe", according to product ingredient labels.

