

Dear Parents/Guardians,

IBES is big on celebrations to honor your child. However, we must celebrate in such a way that we do not cut into valuable instructional time. We have a few reminders for parents that can help us stay on track academically.

The best way to prepare before sending a treat to school, is to talk to the teacher ahead of time and ensure that they have time in the day to allow for a treat (such as a birthday). Before you purchase items, please read page 3 of the IB Parent/Student Handbook or call the front office to discuss your plan. Please remember:

- At school, we do not host or permit birthday parties. A simple treat for the class is acceptable.
- Invitations may not be passed out in the classroom for home or school celebrations.
- Cookies with no frosting or nutritious treats are always preferred over messy cupcakes
- Home baked treats are not permitted. All food must come from a certified bakery or be individually wrapped and in the original box/package/container
- Plastic rings or picks on the tops of the treats will not be accepted.
- **No balloons, flowers, pinatas, party favors, banners, decorations or gifts** should be brought to school. Please keep these at home to celebrate.
- Since we are planning the treat around instruction, the time for the teacher must remain flexible and is at the teacher's discretion.
- Teacher's prefer that family members do not attend and that the treat time is reserved for the classroom only.
- The typical time frame is a 10 minute period for the students to sing, "Happy Birthday" and enjoy the provided treat.
- Treats are dropped off in the front office. Teachers are notified and arrange for it to be picked up before the treat time.

Throughout the year, there will be assemblies, promotions, parties, and celebrations of student success. Parents will be invited to attend. Your presence is a great reward, however, **please do not bring flowers, balloons, candy, gifts, etc.** This can be handled outside of school.

Please help us keep an academic focus as the priority, during the school day. With over 600 children, there is a lot going on at Indian Bend. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Jan Stevens

Jan Stevens, Principal

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