

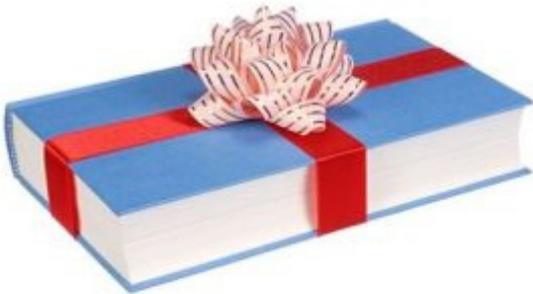
Healthy Celebrations

At Jones we believe in educating students to be healthy and active, so that they carry these habits with them for the rest of their lives. Through the guidance of our District's Health & Wellness Policy we have made a number of positive changes as we move towards a healthy environment for all students.

The majority of the sugary/unhealthy treats (like cupcakes) that arrive on our campus are for student birthdays. Our Jones policy is that each classroom is allowed a maximum of THREE parties/celebrations per year. At these events, healthy or non-food items are encouraged.

Teachers MUST be told in advance if you are sending any food item to share with the classroom.

(Students with allergies or special diets could be harmed/excluded without approval from the teacher.) Food items brought outside of the THREE approved parties/celebrations will NOT be distributed.



Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are a very important day in a child's life and while cupcakes and other unhealthy food items will not be permitted to be distributed within the classroom, there are many other ways you can celebrate your child's special day. Please check with your child's teacher about these or any ideas you might have...

- Purchase a "Birthday Book" from our school librarian and your child will be the first to check it out.
- Send a wrapped book for your child to unwrap and share/read, then your child can "gift" it to the classroom library.
- Promote social awareness through a small donation to an organization (e.g., UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, EdUCate!); your child can show/tell the class about the organization
- The class can sing happy birthday, but your child has the party at home (Birthday Party invitations may only be distributed at school if the ENTIRE classroom is invited.)

Thank you for partnering with us in the education of your healthy child!