

Dear HPA Families,

As a part of the USDA school lunch program, High Point Academy is required to maintain a student Health and Wellness Policy that is reviewed annually. This review occurred in January and a few updates were made that we wanted to share with you regarding birthday celebrations and school parties. According to our policy any food that is brought into the school must meet certain requirements to ensure that we are in compliance with USDA regulations. We certainly want families to be able to send in snacks for student celebrations, but we ask that they meet the following requirements:

- They must be store bought.
- They must have the original seal and contain an ingredient list.
- Foods cannot contain nuts of any kind or have been processed in a facility containing nuts.
- They must come through the front office so that they can be approved.

If you have any questions about whether or not a food is allowable please contact us before purchasing the item or bringing it to the school.

Additionally, we wanted to remind everyone of our visitor policy. The security and safety of our students is our number one priority. We have sent several staff members to national training sessions over the past year and have updated our security policies accordingly. Based on this information, our policy is that all visitors must be escorted by an administrator or their designee when in the building. Because of this, it is absolutely essential that you have an appointment if you wish to enter the school. It also means that we are unable to allow parents to visit students for any reason during the school day as we simply do not have the manpower to escort an unknown number of guests each day. We realize that this is an inconvenience to many families, but we believe it is essential to maintaining a secure environment for your children each day.

Thank you for your help in following these policies and for choosing High Point Academy.

Sincerely,

Grey Lancaster Elementary Principal High Point Academy

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