

# BANGOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2023-24 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is a reminder of our policy regarding student birthday celebrations. Each month, teachers will designate one day to celebrate that month's birthdays. August birthdays will be celebrated in September. June/July birthdays will be celebrated in May.

This serves as a reflection our district's commitment to implement goals outlined in our Wellness Policy. We strongly encourage you to provide a non-food item at these celebrations or consider purchasing a Classroom Birthday Basket from Aramark Food Service instead of the typical hi-calorie, hi-sugar treat.

Here is what we see as the benefits:

- Monthly celebrations will reduce the consumption of unhealthy foods that occurs on a weekly basis helping our children combat childhood obesity.
- Teachers will be able to provide more instructional time as daily/weekly celebrations can interrupt the school day.
- Children with specific food allergies will have a safer school environment, by reducing potential exposure to food allergens. Parents of food allergy children will know in advance that a celebration will occur and "safe" food items can be available for that day. **Every child will be included in the celebration.**
- For those children whose parents cannot provide a "treat" for the class, this monthly celebration provides a way to include them.

We are encouraging parents to send in non-food items such as: stickers, pencils, erasers, a favorite book of your child to read, purchase a book for our library in honor of your child, a craft, purchase a "gift certificate" for each child from the school store. There are many possibilities.

**Note: Each classroom teacher will be able to celebrate your child's birthday on "their day" with their own unique classroom ideas ("Student of the Day"; wear a "crown"; line leader, special reader). Again, there are many possibilities.**

Once again, each month, one day will be designated school-wide to celebrate that month's birthdays. August birthdays will be celebrated in September. June/July birthdays will be celebrated in May. As always, we thank you for your support in helping us to keep our students healthy.

On the back of this letter, you will find information on classroom birthday baskets created by the BASD Food Service Dept. This form can also be found on the district webpage.

# Classroom Birthday Basket

By Bangor Area School District Food Service Department

Let us help make celebrating your child's birthday at school easier. Order a Classroom Birthday Basket from the Food Service Department and we'll take care of everything. Birthday treats will be delivered to your child's classroom on the birthday celebration date for the month.



Birthday Baskets include: (\$1.75 per child)  
2 snack items per child  
Small prize per child (pencil, sticker)

## ----- Order Form -----

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Month to be Delivered: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children in Class: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

How Old Will Child Be: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle 2 items (one from each box):**

Apple Slices	100% Apple or Fruit Punch Juice - 4 oz.
Graham Scooby Doo Snacks	Water - 8 oz.
Baked Potato Chips	
Goldfish Crackers	

All items meet Bangor Area School District Wellness policy.

Send order form and payment to your child's school cafeteria. **Make check payable to: BASD Cafeteria Account. ONLY PREPAID ORDERS WILL BE FILLED** and delivered.

**Orders must be received at least 2 weeks in advance.**

**Payment Due:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.75 = \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of children) (payment due)

**Please inquire with the office or teacher about the number of students in your child's class before ordering.**