BIRTHDAY TREAT CHANGES

We are proud that our school focuses on making healthy choices, and in that vein, this year birthday treats in the form of food will no longer be allowed. While celebrations are very important, there are healthier and safer ways for us to recognize students at school on special days.

County changes to our Food Service menus have been made to create healthier lunch options as well and this is an initiative that is trending across FCPS also due to concern for students with allergies. Many students at Vienna have food allergies which may be life-threatening. To ensure the safety of all our students, we are requesting that families send in non-food treats or donate something to the school to recognize your child’s birthday. Listed below are just a few suggested ways to recognize your child’s special day if you choose to participate:

☐ Donate a book to the school library in honor of your child.
☐ Bring in stickers, pencils, erasers, or donate class supplies.
☐ Donate a plant to beautify the school grounds.
☐ Donate a board game to be used for indoor recess.
☐ Have a family member come to class and read a story, share a special talent or skill, or allow the birthday child to share his/her talent with the class.

Classroom teachers will remind everyone of these new procedures at Open House and Back to School Night.

We appreciate your support in ensuring the well-being of all of our students and the importance of healthy eating habits.

Sincerely,

John Carmichael
Principal