



DETROIT ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Party & Food Policy

In our commitment to bring Love and Joy to our scholars, student birthdays will be recognized on a bi-weekly or monthly basis during school assemblies. If you prefer that your child not receive birthday recognition from the school, please inform your child's teacher.

Birthday Parties

In order to preserve instructional time, avoid allergic reactions, ensure equitable recognition for each child, and adhere to federal/state/local health and nutrition guidelines, **birthday parties are not permitted during instructional hours.** In addition, we ask that no food or gift bags be sent to school for your child's birthday, with the exception of store bought cupcakes which will be served at the discretion of the teacher. In lieu of food and gifts you can donate books, pencils, stickers, etc., in accordance with teacher guidelines. To avoid hurt feelings and social conflicts, please do not send invitations to school to your child's "out of school" party unless ALL the children in the class are being invited.

District Celebrations

Parents are encouraged to participate in the district's holiday and cultural celebrations by assisting with planning events, volunteering at events, or donations of healthy food such as fruits, vegetables, pretzels, yogurt, granola bars, mini muffins, popcorn etc.

Breakfast and Lunch from Outside School

If a child does not participate in the school breakfast and lunch program and brings food from home to be eaten during breakfast or lunchtime, they must bring it with them to school **at the start of the school day.** Outside food may only be eaten during designated breakfast and lunch times. **No food delivery (DoorDash, UberEats, etc.) will be accepted during the school day.** If your child arrives late to school, they may access school breakfast; breakfast from home must be eaten prior to entering the building.