



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

---

Tauri Eligon, Principal  
Dr. David Martin II, Assistant Principal  
2401 N.E 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Wilton Manors, Florida 33305  
Phone 754-322-8950 Fax 754-322-8990  
Browardschools.com/wiltonmanors

**The School Board of  
Broward County, Florida**

Lori Alhadeff, Chair  
Debra Hixon, Vice Chair  
Torey Alston  
Brenda Fam, ESQ.  
Daniel P. Foganholi  
Dr. Jeff Holness  
Sarah Leonardi  
Nora Rupert  
Dr. Allen Zeman

Dr. Howard Hepburn  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wilton Manors Elementary strongly supports and encourages the recognition of a child's birthday. It is an annual milestone in every child's life that should be observed not just at home, but in school as well, where children spend one-third of their day with teachers and classmates. However, while we want to honor our students in school, birthdays must be structured to fit into the academic focus of the day. Time taken to distribute and consume birthday treats significantly reduces instruction time in the classroom, therefore any birthday "celebration" will take place during your child's lunch time or at recess. Parents must notify teachers in advance if they would like to bring in a birthday treat such as cupcakes, cookies, donuts, or popsicles to be shared with the class, making note of any allergies. Pull-apart cakes, pizza, drinks/soda, balloons, and goodie bags are **NOT** permissible.

Please remember:

1. **According to School Board Policy, any food brought into school for class distribution must be store bought.** Regardless of care taken, prevalence of food allergies could result in a student having a severe allergic reaction to an ingredient used in preparation of a birthday treat.
2. Distributing gifts or gift bags of any kind to classmates will **not** be permitted.
3. Balloons and other celebratory decorations will **not** be permitted in school as they can be distracting to student learning.
4. Please do **not** send drinks of any kind.
5. **No** birthday invitations will be handed out at school. In the past, this has caused hurt feelings and upset children.
6. Simply bring a treat for the number of students in the class.
7. Treats should **not** need to be cut to ensure that knives are not needed, and sharp objects are kept away from students.
8. If you plan to attend, please confirm your child's lunch or recess time before you arrive.
9. There should be a **maximum** of 2 adults participating. Please refrain from bringing any additional children/siblings, family, or friends.
10. It is **not** appropriate for siblings in other grade levels or classes to miss instructional time to join.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Tauri Eligon  
Principal