

"An ever-evolving experience for ever-evolving learners, ensuring success for today and preparedness for tomorrow."

Everyone Welcome, Everyone Belongs, Everyone Succeeds

At JPS, we love to celebrate the children's birthdays in school. We recognize the importance of celebrating birthdays as a way to foster a positive and inclusive environment. To ensure that birthday celebrations are both fun and aligned with our educational goals and values, we have established the following policy for celebrating birthdays within the school.

1. Birthday Recognition

- Children are invited to come to school in their own choice of clothes
- Teachers will recognise and acknowledge each student's birthday in class during the school day
- At 9:20, the birthday song will play over the Tannoy and birthday celebrants will come down to the Principal's office to share the occasion with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
- All those celebrating their birthday will receive a special birthday sticker and a personalised gift from the JPS Family
- The SLT will sing Happy Birthday to those gathered
- Students with birthdays that fall on weekends or during holidays, including summer, can choose an alternative day on which to celebrate
- Teachers may establish their own additional guidelines for birthday recognition in their classrooms, provided they align with the school-wide policy.

2. Treats Guidelines

Because of the risk of allergies and the JPS Nutrition Policy, we cannot allow food products (e.g. donuts, cakes, sweets, etc.) to be distributed as part of children's birthday celebrations. Our security team is instructed to prevent access so we kindly ask that they are not brought into school.

Should you wish to celebrate with the class, these are a few non-food ideas the children came up with:

- Gel Pens, Novelty Pencils
- Packs of Playing Cards, Small Travel Games
- A Small Toy
- Colouring / Puzzle Books
- Flower / Plant / Packs of Seeds

3. Time and Disruptions

We have designated an appropriate time during the day to celebrate with children to ensure that birthday celebrations do not interfere with learning time.

No parties, balloons, decorations, etc. are permitted in class. We do not allow family members to come to school to celebrate with children. This should be done outside of the school day.

4. Invitations

Party invitations should be sent electronically or outside of school hours, as much as possible.

5. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

All birthday celebrations should promote a sense of belonging, ensuring that every child feels valued and respected regardless of their cultural or religious background.

By following these guidelines, we aim to make birthdays a safe, memorable and inclusive experience for all students, while maintaining a focused academic environment.



Principal/CEO

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