



**2011-2012**

## ***New Procedures at Walsh, Reed, and Ludwig***

### ***Birthday Celebrations!***

*We realize how special birthdays are to our students! There are many ways to celebrate a student's birthday at school. We ask that you refrain from sending food items due to the fact that significant allergies and other medical conditions may impact a student's ability to participate in the birthday celebration. Sending non-food items, such as, pencils, stickers, and fun erasers are a great way to share in the student's celebration.*

*In addition to these suggestions, at Ludwig, Reed and Walsh you are also encouraged to have your child choose a special book from our Library Media Specialist for \$10. This fee will include the book from a list provided by the Library Media Specialist along with a photo of your child, his/her name and birthday, which will be added to the school Library Media Center for all students to see and read. We have a new Birthday Book Rack for our Library Media Centers to house these special donated birthday books. You can also designate the purchased book to remain in the classroom as part of the teacher's library.*

*We have provided you with some great ideas to help celebrate your child's birthday and we are confident you will be creative and thoughtful with your choices. If you are unsure of a choice, please contact the classroom teacher directly.*

### ***Holiday Celebrations and Parties!***

*In an effort to have ALL students enjoy classroom holiday parties, teachers **only** will be in charge of identifying the menu for the classroom party. Teachers will work with room parents to identify menu items from the District 92 Acceptable Food List (available on our web site) that will meet the needs of all students. For many reasons, including life-threatening allergies, not all students can experience treats; some classroom teachers may choose to be "food free" at parties because of the many health issues in their classrooms. Individual buildings will identify party dates. Please work carefully with the classroom teachers for the safety and enjoyment of ALL!*

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