



Shamona Creek Elementary School

501 Dorlan Mill Road
Downingtown, PA 19335
Office: 610-458-8703
Fax: 610-458-9130

Mr. Robert A. Reed Jr. - Principal

September 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The following excerpt was taken from page 26 of the Shamona Creek Parent Handbook.

Birthday Celebrations: In accordance with the DASD Wellness Policy, we are requesting that **no food items** be sent to school for birthday celebrations. This practice will also protect many of our children who have food related allergies and could suffer anaphylactic shock if the wrong foods are ingested. If you would like to send something to school with your child, please make sure it is non-food related items – such as pencils, stickers, etc. We will recognize your child's birthday on the morning announcements and our scrolling slide show on the TV. Students with birthdays may wear a hat to school, preferably something silly or eye catching, and may wear a sticker on their shirt indicating it is their birthday. If a child with a birthday stops by the Principal's office, they will receive a free pencil. Balloon deliveries and other personal birthday celebrations are not permitted during school hours. Private party invitations are NOT to be handed out in school or on the school bus unless the ENTIRE class is invited. Many children have their feelings hurt and get upset when they find out they are not invited to a classmate's private party.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we move forward in our establishment of a healthy and safe environment for all students. Please understand that we do want your child to have a special day. We believe with the established guidelines above, that this will be accomplished.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Reed Jr.
Principal