



High Hills Elementary School
SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please support High Hills Elementary School as we comply with the District mandated Wellness Policy. Sumter School District is committed to the optimal development of every student. The policy, located in its entirety on the district website www.sumterschools.net, outlines the district's approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day. Foods offered on the school campus must meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks nutritional standards. Celebration and party foods should meet these standards as well. Unfortunately, this includes cupcakes and baked goods brought in to celebrate birthdays. It is understandable that celebrating a birthday is a momentous occasion, however, in compliance with the policy we have alternative, non-food ways of showing our excitement for your child's special day. Student birthdays are announced on the morning announcements and they receive a birthday surprise from our Guidance Counselor. Another great way to promote your child's special day is to donate a book to the library in your child's honor. However, if you wish to provide a celebratory treat for the class, it must meet the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and USDA guidelines. Please refer to the Smart Snacks list provided on the District website. We sincerely hope that you understand our need to be in compliance with this mandated policy. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time or call Sumter School District's food and nutrition director, Leon Williams at 803-499-5950 ext. 109 or email him at Leon.Williams@sumterschools.net. High Hills Elementary School is committed to offering a positive, safe and health-promoting learning environment. It's going to be a great year!!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Kay Norton, Principal

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