

**MARTIN SCHOOL POLICY  
ON  
CLASSROOM PARTIES**

The Martin School endorses two “classroom parties” during the course of the school year. These parties fall during the December holidays and at the end of the school year. Strict adherence to the North Attleboro School’s Wellness Policy will be enforced. This policy states, “Schools will limit the number of foods of minimal nutritional value served at celebrations to no more than one food and one beverage.” The administration also requests that the following guidelines be respected in the planning and organizing of classroom parties:

- ❖ ❖ The December holiday parties should be held, whenever possible, the last day before the children leave for break. The teacher will determine the exact time. This party will be organized and run by room parents with the activities and timeframe approved by the teacher. Cleanup will be the responsibility of the room parents and the students.
- ❖ ❖ Crafts – All planned craft activities must be checked first with the classroom teacher. Some students have more difficulty with hand-eye activities, and the teachers will have helpful suggestions on what crafts will work with them. **DO NOT USE GLITTER.** It is very difficult to clean up.
- ❖ ❖ End-of-the-year parties will be jointly organized by teachers and parents, with teachers deciding the day and time. These parties will be kept low-key.
- ❖ ❖ “Celebrations of Learning” are not considered parties. These are classroom activities (not necessarily grade level) that are content-based and part of the curriculum. These are planned and organized by the classroom teacher, but parents may be contacted, as needed.
- ❖ ❖ Birthdays are non-food events (according to the District’s Wellness Policy).
- ❖ ❖ In the event that there is a party or celebration where food is served and there are one or more children who have food allergies, foods brought in need to have the list of ingredients presented and should be examined by the school nurse. Parents will be notified in advance if there is a food allergy concern in their child’s class.
- ❖ ❖ As has been the policy, the “no siblings” policy will be in full force and effect for all events involving parental supervision. The reasons are as follows:
  - • Classrooms are not childproof. Your child’s safety is of utmost importance to us.
  - • It is your child’s party and his/her time to have you do something special without other family members.
  - • Many of our classes have a few challenging students who will need your extra attention, direction, support and patience.