

January 2014

Dear Room Parents,

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and we wanted to pass along some important information about the Valentine's Day parties.

PLANNING YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY – The parties will be held on Friday February 14th and start at 1:30 PM, after the last lunch (the fifth grade will pass out cards in their homerooms and then go to the APR at 2:00 for their party). Unlike for Halloween, there will not be a parade and therefore the Valentine's Day parties are longer and allow for more time for activities and games. It is important to take this into account in your planning.

Meeting with your teacher - As was the case with the Halloween party, it's helpful to meet with your teacher to discuss:

1. ideas for party activities and decorations
2. the schedule of events for your specific class-
 - when parent volunteers can decorate the classroom
 - party start and end time (how much time for activities/games?...when do kids pack up?)
3. confirm specific food allergies

Getting volunteers – to help supply decorations, food, and game/craft supplies. Class funds collected at the beginning of the year are typically used to pay for party supplies, however the more you can borrow and get donated, the less class funds you'll need to spend. Once you have decided on your activities for the party, you can ask your volunteers to sign up and assist you with a specific game/activity.

Party Reminders/Tips -

- WE Care will be collecting cards made during parties. The cards will be given to local nursing homes on Valentine's Day and passed out to residents to brighten their day.
If your class participates, please do not use Elmer's glue or glitter on the cards. A little glue stick and stickers are fine! Please drop off finished cards in a marked box in the office at the end of your party. Kids can also make cards at home and bring them into school the day of the party. If possible, please check the cards for appropriate messages.
For more information, feel free to contact Naira Darius dariustrio@gmail.com or Katee Neal kateeneal@verizon.net.
- Class parents are allowed to attend the parties.
- It is helpful to have parents label bowls, decorations, or any other party accessory that they might loan to you for the party. This makes for easy returns.

Thank you and we wish you a wonderful Valentine's Day Party! Please let us know if you have any questions.

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