**Dear Parents,**

**Your child is getting ready to celebrate his/her birthday!  We want to celebrate too!**

**Next week, your child will be the Star Birthday Student of the week.  Each day we will spend a few minutes celebrating your child. The daily activities may be switched around to fit your schedule. Following is the schedule of events:**

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| Monday | Please return “Student of the Week” poster after helping your child fill it out.   Your child may bring 5 photos to share with the class.  The photos will be put on display for the week but will then be returned home. Students will begin a “Compliment Jar” for the star student. |
| Tuesday | The birthday child may bring several items to school to share for show-and-tell.  Show-and-tell this week will be for the birthday child only. |
| Wednesday | The birthday child will share photos and questionnaire with the other students.  Other students will write a letter to or draw a picture for the birthday child.  Letters/pictures will be compiled into a book. |
| Thursday | The birthday child will be able to choose a different classroom or area at the school or park in which to eat lunch with their classmates. |
| Friday | Parents are invited to visit school sometime today.  The child will receive small gifts from the teacher and/or classmates. We will open the “Compliment Jar” and share the compliments with the star student and class. Parents may join us for a special game or may plan something special for the class.  The time of day for this event will be decided upon by the parents and teacher. |

**Following is the HCS Student Birthday Policy:**

We, at HCS, wish to celebrate the milestone of each child’s birthday in their specific classroom. Teachers would like the privilege to plan this event as it fits into classroom schedule. We do invite your participation as parents. Because of the growing number of food-related allergies and sensitivities, we’ve decided to find ways other than food to make this a special event. On your child’s birthday, you are welcome to plan with the teacher to bring favors such as balloons. You can make it a special event by reading a favorite story or organizing a class party game. If your child wants to bring something to celebrate another classmate’s birthday, help your child choose a small gift, like a bookmark, a new pencil, just a card or a handmade picture. We wish to place the emphasis of the celebration on the friendship of children, instead of on the treats and gifts. If you have questions, ask your child’s teacher for ideas.

**Thank you,**

**Ms. Katrina**