

- Scholars are recognized by their teachers on their birthdays when permitted by the family
- **2:30 – 3:00** Reserve time at the end of the day for birthday celebrations
- Only **water in plastic screw-top bottles** is allowed in the classroom
- **Treats should be store-bought** – in keeping with a healthy environment, the school highly discourages cupcake and candy treats and prefers fruit or other healthy treats. Check with your scholar’s teacher for approved treat items.
- **Keep it Simple**
- Please make sure treats are eaten before students leave for the bus.
- Birthday treats are not allowed during lunch due to state imposed nutritional requirements and time constraints in the cafeteria
- Birthday party announcements should not be passed out at school unless the entire class is invited.
- **NO BALLOONS.** Due to their distractive nature **balloon bouquets are not allowed on campus. Due to serious health concerns, front office staff has been directed not to allow balloons to be taken to classrooms.**

Holiday celebrations: It is the responsibility of the administration to protect academic time on task. Holiday parties may be held at the end of the day. Halloween parties are not allowed due to their disruptive nature. Valentine celebrations should be tied to the Paideia mission to “... Live, to Love, to Learn, and to Leave a Legacy” and may include card exchanges if all students are involved, but not gift exchanges.

Photo Release

All families are asked to sign permission on a photo release form. This form allows the school to use photos and videos of our scholars during real-time learning activities for marketing and training purposes. This includes individual pictures, group pictures and videos for school, classroom, and the Paideia website. This permission can be revoked at any time by the parent signing a new form.

National Elementary Honor Society

Paideia Academy South Phoenix has established a chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) to recognize our most outstanding scholars. The national office approved our chapter of this prestigious national student recognition programs, and we undertake the process of inducting new members each fall. More than just an honor roll, National Honor Societies engages its members in service activities and leadership development that help strengthen the programs at school and improve life in the community.

The decision to bring NEHS to Paideia Academy is an indication of a commitment to acknowledge the hard work of high achieving and well-rounded scholars. The National Honor Societies is the nation’s premier organization recognizing outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, responsibility, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

For more information about NJHS, visit www.njhs.org