

Leave at Home

While at school, your scholar is expected to be highly engaged in intellectual inquiry. Items that might disrupt learning or cause injuries must be left at home. These items include such things as **CELL PHONES**, smart tablets, smart watches, chewing gum, fidget spinners, skates, squirt guns, sports balls, electronic pets, yo-yos, toys, electronic games, digital devices, cameras, handheld video game devices, trading cards (Pokémon, etc), and all forms of pocketknives. *These items and other items that become a problem will be taken away by the teacher, Principal or Dean of Students and locked in the front office and returned only to a parent/guardian.*

Personal items such as purses should be stored in or with backpacks and not carried separately.

Cell Phone Policy

Scholar cell phones and other cellular devices to include smart watches are prohibited on Paideia campuses because they are distractions to the learning environment. We understand that some scholars need a cell phone during their journey home at the end of the day. Therefore, cell phones must be turned off and stowed in a backpack before entering the school grounds. **Cell phones and other personal items that are broken or stolen are not the responsibility of the school.**

Cell phones will be confiscated from scholars if seen or heard in their pocket, backpack or any place on their person. Confiscated cell phones will be locked and safely stored in the front office. Only a parent may pick up a confiscated cell phone.

Parties and Classroom Celebrations

Classroom celebrations should follow these guidelines:

- **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. *No caffeinated drinks
- **Keep it Simple**
- Please make sure treats are eaten before the scholars leave for the bus.
- Birthday treats are not allowed during lunch due to state and federal nutritional requirements and time constraints in the cafeteria
- Birthday and other party announcements should not be passed out at school.
- **NO BALLOONS PERMITTED ON CAMPUS.** 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 scholars are involved, but not gift exchanges.