

## Classroom Parties

Classroom parties shall be held after lunch service and follow the guidelines that follow:

The Mississippi Healthy Students Act, Senate Bill 2369, states that schools shall develop a food safety program to include all food offered to students through sale or service. The Brookhaven School District has developed the following guidelines to help insure food safety.

### **Classroom Party Guidelines to Promote Health, Wellness and Safety**

- Classroom parties will be held for Christmas and Valentines only. All parties will be held after lunch to allow children the opportunity to have breakfast and lunch in the school cafeteria.
- All faculty and students have access to proper hand washing facilities before eating.
- Parents are encouraged to purchase items for parties instead of baking from scratch. Purchase from reputable vendors with current food service permits posted.
- Food items served to children will be in single ready-to-serve packaging when practical and possible.
- Parents and teachers are encouraged to provide fresh fruit and whole grain snacks when practical and possible.

Examples: Small bottles of water

100% Fruit Juice

Pre-packaged fruit or veggies with no-fat dipping sauce

Whole grain snack crackers

Low-fat yogurt

Low-fat cheese

Hummus

Baked potato chips

Popcorn

Flavored rice cakes

- When providing food for classroom parties, please follow the following food safety rules:
  - a. Keep hot food hot. For food to remain safe, it should be held at 135° F or above.
  - b. Keep cold food cold. For food to remain safe, it should be held at 41° F or lower.

## Vending Machines and School Stores

All snacks and beverages sold to students meet the nutritional guidelines stated in Vending Regulations for MS Public Schools as approved by State Board of Education October 20, 2006.