



Happy Birthday Tami Kaup

NPS Building: Norfolk High School/ AFS

Grade: 10th Grade, 11th Grade, 12th Grade

Subject: Special Education

Amount Requested: \$430.00

Project Summary: Students have been making birthday cards and treats for staff to recognize their birthdays. This has been anything from decorated birthday bags with treats inside, to certificates for a free ice cream cone (or 2) to a candy bar adorned with ribbon and a card. There used to be a budget for this, when this was cut a business donated the ice cream cone certificates, this past school year I personally funded this project as the students love it and look forward to making and delivering the "Happy Birthday" treat to the staff each day.

Itemized Budget: King-sized Candy Bar for approximately 150 - 160 staff persons at NSH

King-sized candy bars \$2.50 each x 160 = \$400.00

Birthday ribbon = \$9.99 x 2 = \$19.98

"Happy Birthday" stickers = \$9.99

Project total = \$429.97

Timetable and Plan: We implement this project fairly quickly after school begins and we continue to incorporate this into our daily lessons until the first week of May. The first week of May, we finish delivering to all the staff with birthdays in the summer months.

Evaluation/Measureable Result: Observational data will determine student growth with this project. If students are not learning from this project then we practice, re-do, fix, and keep trying. This project involves a lot of social skill preparation and practice. We role play out the deliveries. You see the students self-confidence rise with this project. Historically we have shared information with parents through pictures and conversations. The growth this cultivates within our school is being able to validate and recognize teachers special day. It also promotes a culture of positivity within our school building.

Teacher Comments: Students learn problem solving in regards to figuring out how many birthdays we have each month by monitoring the Norfolk Senior High Staff Birthday list via Google document. We have to re-check this each month looking for new hires. Then, the students need to watch the calendar and wait for the birthdays to come up. The students then have to decide who is delivering the birthday treats and where the staff are located. This involves looking up the staff on the Norfolk Senior High Staff list if they are unsure of where the staff is located. If the staffs birthday falls on a weekend or a day that we are not in school the students discuss among themselves when they should deliver the birthday treat. The students have to determine if they need to say, "Happy Birthday" or, "Happy Belated Birthday" or "Happy Early Birthday." Students learn about "attention to detail" with this project, as they want the birthday treat to look cheerful and professional.