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Healthy birthday snack suggestions include:

- Mini muffins (such as "Abe's")
- Organic or 100% fruit juice popsicles (such as "JonnyPop" or "GoodPop")
- Fruit cups (not in syrup) or applesauce or fresh fruit
- Yogurt/Gogurt
- Organic or 100% fruit juice fruit snacks (such as "YumEarth" or "Welches")

For safety and simplicity we do not allow: Cakes, lit candles, latex balloons, piñatas, or candy.

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