**Thread:** Personal **Subgroup:** All **Foci:** Local

**Program Title:** Party Committee

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**Program Description:** The Party Committee is comprised of 4-5 faculty/staff who are responsible for organizing our Monthly Birthday Party, biannual TGIF celebrations, the annual Spring Baby Shower, and the end-of the-year Farewell Luncheon.

**Rationale:** The work of the Party Committee insures that we provide the time and space to celebrate one another, taking special care to ensure that we acknowledge our colleague’s important personal milestones.

**Leadership:** Party Committee Chair (currently Jeannie Quesada)

**Implementation:** This group was originally formed in the early 80s. It began in the Counseling Department, was soon replicated in other departments, and then became a school-wide committee.

**Processes and** **Resources:** No special resources are needed. All venues are local, and costs are supported by the Academics Office budget; birthday party faire is provided by members of hosting department

**Finances:** Support provided from the Academics Office budget and faculty/staff contributions.

**Rewards:** We purchase shower gifts (faculty/staff collection) and farewell gifts (school budget). Other rewards are purely intrinsic!

**Time (When/Length):**

* Our Monthly Birthday Party celebrates all birthdays during a particular month and is hosted in the Faculty Lounge at recess; departments take turns preparing seasonal food and drink.
* The annual Spring Baby Shower celebrates all new and impending arrivals.
* The end-of the-year Farewell Luncheon celebrates our colleagues who are moving on or retiring.

**Location (Space):** Faculty Dining Room, Faculty Lounge

**Accountability/Assessment:** Our proprietary “smile & laugh counter” reveals that the Committee’s efforts have been extremely successful.