



Dear Families,

This year we welcome several students to our classrooms with food allergies. We invite your help and cooperation to help them stay safe.

We have students who are allergic to **Peanuts, Nuts, Oranges, Mangos, Strawberries, Bananas, Eggs, Chocolate, Cinnamon, Dyes, and other different foods or food groups.** Reactions range from mild to life threatening. There are several practices that will be in place to help prevent allergic reactions:

1. Students will wash their hands upon arrival to the classroom and again before and after lunch.
2. **All Kinder-6th grade rooms will be designated as (peanut /tree nut) allergy aware spaces.** There will be no classroom projects with peanut butter or peanut shells. **Please do not send any of these projects or snacks into the classroom with your child.**
3. Parents who will send a lunch from home for their child are free to pack the foods of their choice. It is our hope that families CHOOSE not to send foods containing peanut butter or nuts.
4. There will be special days and occasions that students may want to bring a snack to share. Please call 361-449-1914 ext 1062 for "allergy safe" suggestions. Or, consider sending/donating a book or game to the class in your child's name.

In the primary & main cafeteria there will be a **designated peanut-free table** where any student with peanut/nut allergies can sit. If your child sits at this table, with a peanut or nut product, she/he will be asked to move to another table. This plan will help to maintain safety in the cafeteria while allowing non-allergic classmates to enjoy peanut/nut products in a controlled environment. Following lunch, the children will wash their hands prior to going to recess or returning to the class. The tables will be cleaned with soap and water after each lunch.

We look forward to working together with you to have a wonderful year. If you have any questions regarding our allergy aware campus, feel free to call.

Kind Regards,

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