

Allergy Aware Because We Care

As a school community, we have a commitment to the health and safety of all our students. We want you to know that some of our students have a type of food allergy that can be particularly serious and, in some cases, life threatening. If the offending food is ingested, the child may have an anaphylactic reaction resulting in the inability to breathe, and other severe medical issues.

For this reason we have an “**Allergy Aware Because We Care**” environment at Dows Lane Elementary School and the Main Street School. We recognize that many students come to school with food and other allergies that may impact their daily life. There are things that you and your child can do to help these children be safe. Please do not send in snacks to school for snack time that **contains peanuts/tree nuts, may contain peanuts/tree nuts, or is manufactured in a factory that processes peanuts/tree nuts.** The classrooms abide by a “peanut/tree nut free” environment. In the cafeteria, there are designated tables where children may eat peanut/tree nut products at lunch time. Please pack a wipe packet with your child so that they can clean their hands and face after eating their peanut/tree nut food. Feel free to label your child’s lunch to help them make the peanut/tree nut table decision with some independence.

Please make your child’s teacher aware of any food allergy that your child may have, and as well, please share this information with the school nurse. It is a good practice to provide the teacher with snacks that you approve for your child, to have on hand in the event your child forgets to bring a snack. Please send what you think is an appropriate number for the teacher to store in the classroom. The teacher will notify you when the supply is running low. As well, please contact the food service manager at Gloria.estrada@irvingtonschools.org, to make certain that your child can eat the food and snacks served in the cafeteria. These measures are taken to protect all of our students. Please feel free to contact the school nurse if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

Daily Snack:

We believe that healthy eating directly supports brain development and the ability for children to sustain attention and learn throughout the day. A daily healthy snack is a vital part of each day at school. When needed, the school nurse may provide a snack for students.