



Dear Main Street School Community:

As a school community, we have a commitment to the health and safety of our students. We are writing to alert you 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.

For this reason, similar to Dows Lane, we have a “nut aware” environment at Main Street School. That means that our food service vendor does not sell any foods that have or may contain nuts and peanuts, or are processed in or made in a factory that uses peanuts/tree nuts in their preparation. Classrooms will also abide by the same criteria.

In addition, there are things that you and your children can do to help keep these specific children safe. In particular, please do **not** send snacks to school for snack time that:

- contain peanuts/tree nuts
- may contain peanuts/ tree nuts
- are made in a factory that processes peanuts/ tree nuts.

Children who must have peanut butter/tree nuts, for whatever reason, can eat them at lunch time in the cafeteria. Within the larger cafeteria setting, we are able to enact certain protocols to help keep students with allergies safe that we would not be able to do in a classroom setting. Please pack a wipe packet and help us to remind your child that they must wash their hands and face after eating their peanut butter sandwich or nut based snack after lunch.

We have taken these measures to protect all of our students. We understand that this may be an inconvenience for many of you, but an exposure to peanuts or nuts can be life-threatening to some. If you are sending snacks in for the whole class for a celebration, **it must have the original label** with ingredient listings attached or we may not be able to allow distribution to the class. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your help, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Joyce Chapnick
Principal

Yvonne Halee
School Nurse