

October 20, 2020

Dear SMS Families,

As we approach our holiday celebrations here are our allergy guidelines for you to follow to help us provide a safe environment for our students:

- We promote a nut-free environment. Signs indicating this are posted throughout the building. Please provide **nut-free** snacks and lunch for your child.
- For the safety of all the students, food and/or beverages may not be shared.
- We have some classrooms where students have life-threatening allergies.
- We will support allergen clean classrooms to the best of our ability.
- There may be products that resemble peanut butter such as soy nut butter, sunflower butter, etc. It would be very helpful when you send in those items that you mark the sandwich to help the teacher identify that it is **not** peanut butter.
- We love to celebrate birthdays and your child will get special recognition. However, please understand that there is no food distribution.
- For Class Parties, this year due to our new guidelines, we will have pre-packaged nut free items. However, **we ask that those families who have a child with an allergy provide food for these occasions.** Room parents will communicate one week prior to the party as to what will be served, so that parents of children with allergies can provide similar snacks for their child. Room parents are not responsible to provide food to those children with allergies.
- If food is in the curriculum we will give parents ample notification. **We ask that those families who have a child with an allergy provide food for these occasions too.**

Please contact the school nurse if your child is diagnosed with any food allergies or conditions that need special attention.

While the school is taking what it considers to be reasonable measures to guard against an allergic reaction, the school cannot and will not be responsible for ensuring that no contact with an allergy-related product will ever occur.

Thank you for your support with this matter. All of our students are precious to us and we will continue to do our best on their behalf.

Blessings and grace,
Anna O'Rourke
Principal