

Allergy Safety Update 2018-2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

An important and enjoyable part of every student's day is their snack and lunch. In order to keep everyone safe we want to ensure you that we are addressing any concerns regarding food allergies. Given the rise in food allergies, particularly to nut products, in the last several years, the RI Dept of Education and Health have passed a "Peanut Allergy Law". This law mandates schools to have a policy and Emergency Health Plans for students with **severe** food allergies to ensure their safety. At this time there is no law requiring that school be **entirely** nut free.

We thank you for your understanding that as the school population changes, some snack rules are subject to change. This year, as of **today** The **Nut Free** classrooms are:

Pre K, 2, 4, 8, After School Room: Peanut and Tree Nut

Grade 1: Tree Nut only

For the safety of our students please make sure your child brings in a snack that is nut free. Please see Safe Snack Guide at www.snacksafely.com for a detailed list of safe options.

For students in Grades 1-8 who eat in the lunch room we have a designated safe area for them while still allowing others to bring in products that contain nuts.

We need your help Parents! If you feel your child needs to sit at the designated "Nut Free" table please designate that below with your signature. However, if you feel your child is safe to sit at traditional tables, please indicate that as well.

As always, we thank you for your support in supporting our efforts at safety by not sending in any homemade or store bought goods for classroom celebrations.

With your signature you are acknowledging that you are aware of the restrictions in your child's classroom and you will not send in nut containing snacks for your child.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

_____ My child **does not have** to be seated at the **NUT FREE ZONE**

_____ My child **MUST** be seated at the **NUT FREE ZONE.**

Please sign and return by Friday Aug 31st

Thank you

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