

West Bloomfield School District

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Dear Parents,

All classrooms in West Bloomfield School District have peanut and tree nut restricted areas due to the high number of students in the district that are highly allergic to peanuts/tree nuts and their by-products. For some students, even the smell of peanuts/tree nut or peanut butter could be **LIFE THREATENING**.

In order to maintain a safe environment for all students, the **West Bloomfield School District** is implementing the following district wide snack/treat guidelines:

1. **(For Elementary Buildings) SNACK TIME:** Students may bring a healthy snack that **does not** contain **peanuts or tree nuts**. **NO HOMEMADE** bake goods are acceptable. Examples of acceptable snacks are fresh fruit, vegetables, pretzels, cheese and crackers, etc. Snacks should be single portion and easily consumed. Fruits and vegetables are simple and healthy, and therefore strongly encouraged. Chips, fruit drinks or soda pop are not acceptable.
2. **(For Elementary Buildings) BIRTHDAY TREATS:** Most elementary buildings do not celebrate birthdays with treats, baked goods, candy, toys, or food of any kind in the classroom. Instead, elementary classroom teachers will continue to recognize children on their special day in special ways. Each child's birthday will be celebrated in a unique way as defined by the classroom teachers.

Throughout the school year, there may be events or occasions where snacks are provided or brought in for students. Please refrain from making any **"HOMEMADE"** baked goods and bringing them into the classroom. Cross contamination from home to school can happen easily. Instead, it is asked that any items that are brought into the classroom are **"PURCHASED"** and include the manufacturer's labels on the product. Please read all labels carefully. Any product entering the classroom with the labels torn off will be sent home. Any items on which the label states that the product contains (or may contain): peanuts, tree nuts, **or items that are manufactured in a plant that contains peanuts or tree nuts will also be sent home.**

Your student will be allowed to bring peanut or tree nut products for lunch. The lunchroom will be the **only room** that nut products will be allowed because students who have allergies are seated at designated "NUT RESTRICTED" tables in the lunchroom. We ask for your help to protect our students' health when packing lunches. Please remember even the odor of peanuts/tree nuts near these children could trigger a severe reaction requiring emergency attention.

If you have a student with peanut/tree nut allergies please make sure you have notified your student's teacher and the front office of their allergy. If your student requires medication or has to be seated at the peanut/tree nut restricted table, please ensure you have the proper paperwork filled out in the front office, and the proper medical information and doctor signature on file. **Most importantly make sure that you have instructed your child that he/she should be sitting at the peanut/tree nut restricted table on a daily basis.**

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and cooperation, but most importantly, for keeping our children safe!

Sincerely,



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