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Every Student. Every Day

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Dear TVSD Elementary Families,

The Twin Valley School District recognizes that life-threatening allergies are on the rise nationally and affects 5% of children and 4% of adults including many in each elementary center. People diagnosed with severe allergies can have devastating reactions that can result in serious illness, or in extreme cases, death when exposed to a specific food allergen. Some are at-risk only if they ingest the identified allergen. For others, simply touching a desk in the classroom or a water fountain that has the allergen on it can trigger an allergic reaction. To support our students and staff diagnosed with a life threatening allergy, the TVSD Elementary Centers have added the following procedures to address classroom birthday celebrations, daily snacks (if permitted by the classroom teacher), and classroom parties.

1. **Snacks must come from the recommended elementary snack list.** This list was made with consideration to the elimination of peanuts and tree-nuts as well as promoting healthy snacks. Snacks are not to be shared in the classroom. The approved list of snacks may have additional restrictions depending on life threatening allergies that may be present in the classroom.
2. **At this time we will not be allowing students to distribute treats or other alternative celebration items to their classmates.**
3. **At this time we will not be having seasonal classroom parties, however, upon the resumption of seasonal parties, any treats are provided to students must follow the guidelines of the recommended elementary snack list.**

Thank you for assisting the TVSD Elementary Centers in providing a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff.