



FALLS LAKE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Every year we have a growing number of students and staff with severe peanut/nut product allergies. These students span EVERY grade level in the school building. We like to treat all classrooms carefully as if there are allergic students in each one, because there most likely is at least one. Some of these individuals are so allergic and sensitive to peanuts and nut products that touching surfaces after nut products have been there or even dust from the nut products in the area can cause them to have a severe reaction (anaphylaxis) and stop breathing. If your child consumes peanut/nut products during school, their hands MUST be washed immediately after with soap and water as well as the surface the food touches. Falls Lake Academy prefers nut products not be sent in at all, but if they are, your child may be moved to another area of the classroom to eat to avoid allergic reactions.

All food brought in for the class must be store bought and sealed, with ingredients listed on the package. We prefer all products being brought for the whole class be peanut free. Let your teacher know ahead of time if you plan on bringing in food so we can make adjustments for any child with special dietary needs. This way they are not left out of any classroom festivities. Please also talk to your child about the importance of not sharing food with other children.

Please keep the schools safe for these individuals and be aware of food being sent in. Allergies like these typically worsen over time and exposure. We need to limit this as much as possible and your help is greatly appreciated. In the event of an allergic reaction taking place, our staff is prepared and trained in anaphylactic shock and how to best care for your child.

Thank you,

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