

Clinton Public School

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RE: Nut-Free Classrooms and Common Areas

Dear Parents,

There are students in every grade level at Clinton Public School who have allergies to nuts and nut products. These include almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, coconuts, hazelnuts, peanuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, sesame seeds and walnuts. Strict avoidance of all nut products is the only way to prevent life-threatening allergic reactions. Even touching a small amount of a product or accidental ingestion of a food containing nuts could result in a life-threatening situation.

To keep these children safe and prevent the possibility of them coming in contact with nuts and nut products **all classrooms and common areas at Clinton Public School are nut-free.** Common areas include the art room, computer room, gym, hallways and library.

Nuts and nut products are allowed in the cafeteria so that children who do not have nut allergies may enjoy these foods. Nut-free tables are available for children with nut allergies. Any student with a nut-free lunch may sit at a table designated as nut-free.

Please consider a non-food item as a classroom treat that can be enjoyed by all the students without the fear of causing an allergic reaction. Some examples might be a fun activity for the class, donating a book or game or providing an alternative to food, such as stickers, pencils, themed erasers, or other trinkets or school supplies. Your teacher will be happy to provide suggestions for you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please share this information with your child. These guidelines will help to provide a safe environment for all of our students. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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