

Albert Payson Terhune School
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, there is a student (s) in your class with a food allergy to Peanuts/Nuts. There are also students in the school with other known food allergies. These students have a personalized health plan that specifies the delivery of accommodations and services needed in the event of an emergency.

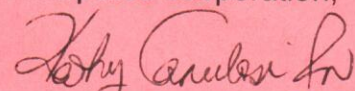
Provisions are developed for the protection of food-allergic students in the classroom. Information is provided for substitute teachers. Class parents are informed of food allergies that are in their classroom. Signs listing student allergies are posted outside each classroom if there is/are allergies in the classroom. Classroom teachers encourage their students to wash their hands before and after eating and they wipe the desks when necessary. Kindergarten health classes discourage students from sharing/trading food/snack items, drinks, straws and utensils.

It has come to my attention that students are bringing peanut/nut products for snack. If possible, I am asking you to refrain from sending in these products for your child's classroom snack. Food items are discouraged from classroom events/activities/projects in order to avoid the potential presence of major food allergens. I am hoping I can have your cooperation with your child's classroom snack and, if possible, you consider avoiding these food items as part of your child's snack.

When students are in school full day, the option of an allergy-free table is offered for students with food allergies. The food service refrains from the use of peanut/nut products. Lunch tables are cleaned after every lunch by our custodial staff. Staff members work together to make the cafeteria environment as safe as possible for food-allergic students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above request, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation,


Kathy Cancelosi, RN
APT School Nurse