



Clark Public Schools

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Dear Parents,

This is extremely important to safeguard student(s) in the class that have an allergy to peanuts. Contact with peanuts or oils from peanuts can cause a child with this serious allergy to suffer a reaction merely by touching a nut or peanut containing food.

- Please do not send any nuts, peanuts, peanut butter or foods containing these items to be eaten as snacks in the classroom. It is fine to send these products for lunch, which is eaten in the cafeteria as there is a separate nut-free table for students that need it. This will allow non allergic children to enjoy these snacks in a controlled environment and maintain safety in the classrooms
- Please remind your child not to share food, utensils or containers.
- We will request that all children who ate peanut butter or peanut products for lunch wash their hands with soap and water prior to going to recess or returning to the classroom. (Water alone is not enough). Similarly, if your child ate peanut butter for breakfast, we would greatly appreciate your making sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school.

Parents should check food labels on packages, very carefully. Since peanut oils can be left on food processing machinery, a peanut less product may still be dangerous. So packages must be checked for ingredients and if made in a food processing plant that also makes peanut products.

When sending in food parents must include labels to be checked by our school nurse. If parents are cooking or baking goods, they must meet the following two criteria. One they must send in lists of ingredients and include all packaging labels. Without clearance from our school nurse the foods will not be allowed into the classroom.

We ask parents to also remember that we encourage healthy snacks and to keep the food at holiday parties to a minimum. We need to follow these procedures for holiday parties as well.

Thank you for your cooperation in this safety matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Beltramba