



WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

There are students in our school, who have severe, life-threatening allergies to **peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, mayonnaise and milk**. With anaphylaxis, even exposure to a tiny amount of these items could be potentially serious and life threatening. We can all play a role in preventing such a dangerous and frightening situation at school. The students and their families must take responsibility to avoid exposure. Staff, other students and their families can also help to make the school environment safer.

We would like to remind parents that Soy Butter, also sold as “WOW” Butter is not permitted at school. Although the product is peanut free, it creates a stressor in the classroom for our students with allergies as it looks and smells just like peanut butter. Additionally, egg salad and hard boiled eggs put some students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction.

We have informed the student body and have asked them not to share their lunches, snacks or treats. We need your cooperation in checking the list of ingredients on items you send to school and refraining from sending products or items containing these allergens. Non-food items brought in for classroom celebrations are a great way to recognize the occasion while respecting the needs of all students.

Kindly speak with your child(ren) about the severity of this allergy and promote acceptance of the needs of the anaphylactic child(ren).

We realize this request may pose an inconvenience for you when packing your child’s snack or lunch. However, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and understanding.

Thank you for your assistance in making our school a safe environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Kate McKibbin
Vice-Principal