

OXHEAD ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Food allergies can be life-threatening. There is a possibility that one or more students in your child's class may have a severe food allergy to peanuts, tree nuts (cashews, pecans, walnuts, pistachios, etc.), eggs, sesame seeds, and/or other allergens. We are distributing this letter to all parents/guardians to help you understand this situation and to foster a safe and worry-free year for all students and their families.

One or more students in your child's class may need access to an EpiPen at all times. We need your help in maintaining an allergy aware environment in the classroom and ask that any classroom snacks that you send to school be allergy-sensitive. Some allergies can be triggered not only by direct eating or coming into contact with the items listed above, but also by exposure to foods that are processed in a plant containing these items. Additionally, many bakeries use nut products, flavorings, or oils in their facilities or products. If you are sending in any classroom treats, please notify your child's teacher in advance.

We want you and your child to understand that some allergies can be triggered by ingestion of or exposure to a very small amount of the above mentioned allergens. We realize that helping us maintain an allergy aware classroom takes a certain amount of effort and diligence on your part, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, healthy environment for all of our students. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Phyllis L. Saltz

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