

HOLMES PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Mrs. Amy Byrne, Principal

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Dear Holmes Primary Parents,

You've all read the headlines and seen the news stories. Food allergies are a growing concern in schools across America. Millions of children, children who are perfectly healthy in every other way, must watch every single bite of food they eat. If they do not, they risk suffering a severe or even life-threatening reaction. A major health issue such as this one needs to be taken very seriously. Let me assure you, the safety and well-being of our students has been and always will be our top priority.

Several students at Holmes Primary School have a serious PEANUT ALLERGY. A child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a food containing a peanut product. Moreover, this is not the only food allergy that we have to be watchful.

Naturally, we have taken precautions here at school. We have a peanut-free table in the cafeteria. All tables are disinfected after each use. We regularly read labels of our school purchased snacks.

Effective immediately, we no longer allow the following:

- store bought items from the bakery or home baked items
- any food that indicates on the label that the ingredients contain peanuts
- any food that states that the item was manufactured in a facility where peanuts, and tree nuts used in the production of other products

By law, food must have allergy information on the package.

Students love to get non-food items also, like pencils, pens, erasers, etc, all which would make a nice gift bag to help celebrate these special events.

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how ultimately significant it is to keep our kids safe while at school. If you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy related issues, please don't hesitate to contact me. We wish you and your family a safe and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Byrne
Principal, Holmes School
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Mrs. Brenda Hodge
School Nurse