

MIDLAND SCHOOL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PEANUT SAFE CLASSROOMS

September 2019

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian of students in the following classrooms:

Mrs. Truncale - Kindergarten	Mrs. Roux – 3rd
Ms. Rodgers – 1st	Mrs. Sapp – 3rd
Mrs. Torjussen – 2nd	Ms. Anderson – 4th
Ms. Youssis – 2nd	Mrs. Cutrona – 4th

This letter is to inform you that a student(s) in your child's classroom has a peanut/nut allergy; therefore, this classroom has been designated as **Peanut Safe**. If exposed to peanuts/nuts, the student(s) may develop a life-threatening allergic reaction requiring emergency medical treatment. The greatest potential for exposure at school is through contact or ingestion of peanut and nut products. We are asking your assistance in creating a safe learning environment.

To reduce the risk of exposure, the following safety guidelines are in effect in your child's classroom:

- **If your child brings a lunch to school containing peanut/ nut products, he/she may be asked to eat at a designated "peanut/ nut table" where these products can be eaten.** Your child will be asked to thoroughly clean his/her hands when finished eating. This plan will help maintain safety in the classroom, while allowing non-allergic classmates to enjoy peanut/nut products in a controlled environment. Please be advised that this may require your child to temporarily move from his/her seat. If your child has eaten peanut/ nut products for breakfast, please make sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water.
- The mid-morning snack is considered a "working snack." Children snack while they are working at their seats. **Please send only peanut/nut free items for this mid-morning snack.**
- We will not be doing any classroom projects that involve peanut/nut products or peanut/nut shells (i.e., bird feeders, art projects). Please do not send these projects into school with your child.
- Birthday parties are a special time for children, but can be a difficult time for the food allergic child. If you send in a baked good for your child's birthday, **please avoid items containing nuts or peanut butter**. It is helpful to let your child's teacher know a few days in advance when you are sending in a baked good for a birthday or holiday.

I trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines, and appreciate your anticipated support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Alvarez, our school nurse, at 201-261-7800 x8416.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Hulse

Principal