

PARSIPPANY -TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As, always, the safety and well-being of all Troy Hills students is of great importance to all of us. You may be aware that food allergies are a growing concern in schools across the United States. Many children who appear to be perfectly healthy need to watch everything they eat or risk suffering a life threatening allergic (anaphylactic) reaction. Food allergies are responsible for over 30,000 emergency room visits and as many as 200 deaths per year. **Troy Hills School has multiple children who have serious, life threatening reactions to many foods. A reaction may occur if these children eat, smell, or touch these foods. In order to protect all of our students, the following safety precautions and guidelines will be in effect for the 2011-2012 school year:**

- **Please have your child brush their teeth and wash their hands after breakfast and prior to coming to school.**
- **Upon entering the classroom each morning, the teacher will have each student (K – 5) wash their hands.**
- **Please do not send any peanut, peanut butter or food containing any kind of nuts to school.**
- **Please do not send in any food manufactured/processed on machinery with nuts.**
- **Please read the labels on all food before packing your child's lunch to make sure there are no nuts in it, no traces of peanuts/nuts and that it was not processed in a plant with nuts.**

These guidelines will be in effect throughout the entire school day and for all activities and events that take place before and after regular school hours.

For your convenience, I have attached a **revised** copy of snacks and foods that are acceptable and snacks that cannot enter school. All foods served with the hot lunch program will be nut free. If your child should bring a lunch and /or snack that does not meet the above guidelines, we will remove the food to protect our students and you will be called to school to provide another food choice. Dr. Seitz, Superintendent of Schools, and I, ask that you please respect and adhere to these guidelines for the safety of all Troy Hills students. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or our school nurse, Mrs. Anglim (973-428-7588, ext.2), for any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renee Brandler, Principal