



VERNON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the start of the new school year, we are all very excited about the many new things your children will be learning and experiencing. Our school has an outstanding and diverse community of students, each of whom is unique and special in a variety of ways. This year, students in your child's class have a life-threatening food allergy. Due to the severity of this allergy, these students could have a reaction simply by smelling or absorbing traces of these food products.

Children that have life-threatening food allergies look, act, play and learn just like all other children, but they can have a severe-and life-threatening-reaction if they eat, drink, or possibly even come in contact with the food to which they are allergic. This condition is very serious but is not in any way contagious.

In order to provide a safe learning environment, your child's classroom will be ALLERGY RESPONSIBLE and will follow these procedures:

- All children will wash their hands upon arrival to school, after lunch, as well as before and after snack has been eaten. This will help prevent the spread of food residue in the classroom and will also promote good hygiene.
- All lunch (snack) bags will be kept in a separate location.
- There will be no sharing of food.
- All snacks-*which will be eaten in the classroom*-are to be **tree nut product-free** in an effort to keep the classroom environment safe for all students.
- [Safe Snack Guide](#)

I would ask that you speak with your child with regard to some of the above bulleted items as we commence the opening of the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you very much for your anticipated understanding and support of this very important matter. Please feel free to call the school office, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Pauline F. Anderson*

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