



Allen Avenue Elementary School
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Debbie Grenier, Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We welcome your child to Allen Ave Elementary School. During this back to school time, we have a couple of health concerns to share with you.

At this school site we have several students who have a severe allergy to peanuts and peanut bi-products. For those who have a peanut allergy, exposure to peanuts and peanut bi-products can be life threatening. Strict avoidance of the above-mentioned foods is the only way to prevent a life threatening allergic reaction. For this reason we must be extremely cautious with classroom snacks and party foods.

When a child celebrates a birthday or a special event, it is a common practice for parents or guardians to send special snacks for each student in the classroom. Always check with the classroom teacher before any food is delivered to the classroom.

To prevent food allergy reactions, there are "peanut-free" tables designated in the lunch and snack areas. In addition, no unfinished breakfast/lunch food will be allowed into the classroom. Also, we strongly encourage a "No Food Sharing" rule among the children.

The second concern is head lice in children. We would like to remind all parents that head lice transmission is possible whenever and wherever children gather. Please take this opportunity to screen your child and notify school health services if head lice or their nits (lice eggs) are suspected. If you are unsure whether or not your child has head lice, school health office personnel can show you how to check for them. Working together helps protect all of the children, including your own.

We are most appreciative of your understanding, support and cooperation in keeping our children healthy. If you would like additional information on this subject please contact LLona Mearin, R.N., District Nurse.

Sincerely,

Principal