

Dear Parents

I wanted to make you aware that students in your child's school have been diagnosed with a serious peanut allergy. Many children at Davie Elementary have food allergies. However, a peanut allergy is quite serious. Peanut allergies claim more lives each year than any other type of food allergy. There are no cures for food allergies, so strictly avoiding the allergy-causing food is the safest plan.

Due to the fact that a child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a severe reaction by ingesting trace amounts or simply touching a peanut-containing food, staff members on our campus have been trained to use Epi-Pens (epinephrine injectors) in case of emergency.

The safety of all our children is paramount to everyone at Davie Elementary. Therefore, I am asking for your assistance and support when considering sending in store bought treats and/or snacks for you own child.

Please help us by adhering to the following food allergy safety guidelines:

1. Please do not send any food items to be eaten at school with ingredient labels indicating they contain peanuts or peanut butter.
2. Please do not send any food items with ingredient labels indication they were manufactured in a factory that processes nuts.
3. When sending in baked goods (store bought only), please be careful about the ingredients, as some brands/flavors of baking chips are processed in factories containing nut products.
4. If your child has consumed foods with peanuts or peanut butter for breakfast, please make sure that his/her hands are washed with both soap and water before leaving for school.

Many of our children have been very thoughtful concerning this serious situation in the past. I feel confident that this year will be no different. This is a learning process for everyone and we trust you understand the necessity of these guidelines listed above. Please remember that the safest way to reduce peanut allergy risks in our school is to take the time to read ingredient labels carefully. Additional information regarding food allergies can be reviewed at www.foodallergy.org.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.