



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! It is our goal at North Lakes Academy to provide a safe learning environment for all students. There are children attending our school who suffer a life threatening allergy to peanuts and tree-nuts. As a result, the North Lakes Academy is a peanut and tree-nut aware school.

Some may ask what “peanut aware” means. Several precautions are factored into our daily routine. We continue to provide for our students a nut-free environment, we have implemented a school-wide program to educate our students about food allergies, and we take specific safety precautions to protect individual students. Additionally, the staff is trained to take steps necessary should a child have a reaction.

As such, we need to ask for your help as parents to keep all of our students safe.

- In grades five and six, parents are asked to voluntarily refrain from sending food items containing peanuts or other tree-nuts to school because the risk of harm is high for individuals or groups of students.
- Please do not send items for snack time containing peanuts, peanut products, almonds, cashews, walnuts or other tree-nuts to school. This includes individual snack items, shared snack items, and birthday treats.
- A list of safe snack options is available on our website. We must insist that you not send products that contain peanut/nut ingredients for snack time. The threat is simply too great that one of our students could have a serious or even fatal reaction.
- We ask that you “voluntarily” refrain from sending items in your student’s lunch that contain peanut or tree-nut products.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support regarding this matter. We appreciate the community spirit it takes to make our school a safe and happy place. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brandt
North Lakes Academy
Building Lead