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IMPORTANT FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION

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Dear Parents:

I am writing for the purpose of heightening global awareness as to the plight of students for whom ordinary, everyday foods pose imminent health risks. Peanuts, nuts, milk, eggs, and shellfish are among the most common foods that can cause allergic reactions. For those afflicted with severe food allergies, accidental ingestion can result in a life threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. Food allergies are very common in today's society and the dispensing of information is important in an effort to safeguard those students who have specific food allergies. At the Oradell Public School, various measures have been taken over past years to heighten awareness as to the food allergy phenomenon and to enhance the safety of our students:

- ***"Peanut free" lunch tables are made available for those students who need to maintain a safe distance from peanut products. Please contact the nurses's office (x168) if you would like your child to sit at the "peanut free" lunch table during the lunch period.***
- ***A school-wide ban on the distribution of any foods containing peanuts and/or nut products is in effect. This is especially important where birthday and class party treats are concerned. Parents must consult with their child's teacher when planning classroom events in which food will be served.***
- ***Presentations will be made to all students to promote food allergy awareness on the part of the children.***
- ***The staff will be discouraging the sharing of foods and are requesting that parents reinforce this notion with their child(ren).***
- ***Food allergy posters are prominently displayed throughout OPS .***
- ***School-wide staff awareness efforts are ongoing. Mrs. Orthmann presents food allergy awareness information to the staff on an ongoing basis.***

It is our hope that the information contained in this letter will serve to promote awareness as to the critical health issue of food allergies. Educating the school community will further assist OPS in establishing an "allergy-friendly" school environment.

Thank you for your attention and understanding concerning this important health matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Nuccetelli

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