



HARRISBURG LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Liberty Families,

I would like to take a minute to remind you of the specifics of our Peanut & Tree Nut Policy. Harrisburg elementary and middle schools are Peanut & Tree Nut Restricted. This means that food students bring into the schools, on school busses or any school related functions held on school grounds (e.g., PTO Events, EMBE) cannot contain ANY peanuts/tree nuts OR products made from peanuts or tree nuts. The full policy is available within the Student Handbook found on Liberty's website.

This policy has expectations that differ somewhat between Grades PK-2 and 3-5.

Grades PreK-2:

Student lunches & snacks. Students may NOT bring in any food with a manufacturer's warning about the possible presence of peanuts/tree nuts. These warnings include but are not limited to "...is manufactured in...", "...it may contain...", and "...it may contain traces of...". If items containing peanuts/tree nuts are brought in or if items are brought in without the manufacturer's label, they will not be permitted.

If food is not in its original packaging or does not have a personal note with your signature on it saying that it has been checked by you stating it is peanut/tree nut free, we will send it home with your child. Also, if you purchase products in bulk boxes/packages and the individual package is not labeled or accompanied by a note from you, we will send it home with your child.

Grades 3-5:

Student lunches & snacks. Items with manufacturer's warnings are permitted in the classroom, which includes products that are produced in a facility or bakery that has peanuts or tree nuts present, but these items must still be FREE from peanut/tree nuts. Please make certain you include the ingredient list, a personal note, and/or manufacturer's label so its contents can be verified.

Birthday Treats / Special Occasions:

If your child's teacher allows birthday treats or the classroom is hosting a special occasion such as a classroom party, we request you DO NOT send homemade treats for his/her class as it is difficult to guarantee items are free of peanut/tree nut contamination. Unless bringing in fruits or vegetables or other natural foods, you should plan to purchase treats from a source that includes the manufacturer's warning stating its peanut/tree nut use (see above). This requires you to be diligent about checking labels EACH & EVERY time you purchase a treat as we have seen variances in products from once reliable sources. Please communicate with your child's teacher BEFORE bringing in treats to ensure they follow this policy and to help the teacher plan accordingly.

This policy is intended to provide safeguards for our students. Your support and cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Aaron Weaver; Principal
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