



NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The North Royalton City School District recognizes that the health and safety of our students is of utmost importance. We continually strive to maintain a healthy school atmosphere for all individuals. As we begin to examine, discuss and review our health and safety policies for the upcoming school year, we have identified that a modification to our food and snack procedure must be made to maintain a safe environment for all.

Beginning this 2010-2011 school year:

- **We will no longer allow homemade or home-baked food items to be served to other students as a 'shared snack' at the Early Childhood Center and ALL three Elementary Buildings.**
- **Foods/snacks provided to students as a 'shared snack' DURING school hours (9:00-3:30) (i.e.: Birthday Treats, Class Parties) must be store-bought and selected from the approved list on the back of this page.**
- **Foods/snacks provided to students as a 'shared snack' during NON-School hour events regardless of the location (i.e.: Muffins for Moms, After-School Socials, Roller Skating Parties) must be store-bought and display an ingredient label for food allergen verification.**

The change in procedure is warranted for several important reasons. First, we recognize that due to the increasing prevalence of life-threatening allergies amongst students we must be diligent and do our part to protect everyone by eliminating a possible source of harm. The food and snacks listed on the back of this page are free of the most common four food allergens; eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, and milk. (Please note that this list is subject to revision due to continual changes in manufacturer packaging and processing or if an additional allergy is identified in a classroom). Second, the Early Childhood Center and the three Elementary Buildings were selected to offer an additional life-saving protection to our younger student population who may not understand or may have difficulty understanding his or her allergy and food choice selection.

Homemade or home-baked foods for *your* child's snack or lunch that are not shared with other students will still be permitted, unless a child with a severe allergy has been identified in your son or daughter's classroom. In this situation, additional food/snacks may be prohibited in the classroom based on medical necessity.

We understand that this modification will bring some changes to special events and socials within the school, but it is essential to provide a safe environment for all students. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter. If you should have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact your child's school principal or Michele Prezenkowski our District Health Coordinator at (440) 582-9067.

Sincerely,

In Health,

Edward Vittardi
Superintendent

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