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North Aurelius Elementary School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that several students at North Aurelius Elementary have severe peanut/tree nut allergies. Strict avoidance of peanut products is the only way to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking your assistance in providing all of our students with a safe learning environment.

To reduce the risk of exposure, peanut and tree nut products will not be permitted in the classroom. Please, do not send any peanut or tree nut containing products for your child to eat during snack in the classroom. Safe and healthy snack items include: fruit cups, vegetables, cheese, or a GoGurt (please avoid yogurt toppings).

Any exposure to peanuts or tree nuts through contact, ingestion, and even airborne respiration can cause a severe reaction in children with severe allergies. If your child has eaten peanuts or peanut butter prior to coming to school, please be sure your child's hands have been thoroughly washed prior to entering the school. Classroom teachers will be implementing regular hand-washing or sanitizing procedures which, while good normal practice, are critical to keeping all of our students healthy.

Since lunch is eaten in the cafeteria, your child may bring peanut butter, peanuts, or other nut products for lunch. We ask that you make sure all peanut products and sandwiches are safely sealed in a zipped bag and stored in a lunchbox. In the cafeteria there will be a designated peanut-free area. There will also be a designated peanut area. All students will be taught procedures for immediate hand-washing/sanitizing following lunch, and these tables will be cleaned with entirely separate products than those used to clean tables where peanut products were held. If your child is having a lunch with peanut products, he or she will be asked to sit away from our peanut-free area. This plan will help to maintain safety in the classroom while allowing non-allergic classmates to enjoy peanut/tree nut products in a controlled environment.

We appreciate your support of these procedures. If you have any questions, please contact me at school, (517) 676-6506.

Thanks for your understanding and care for all of our kids,

Mike Prelesnik, Principal -- North Aurelius Elementary School