



JOHN BRANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Tuesday, September 3, 2019

To: Parent/Guardians

Re: IMPORTANT STUDENT SAFETY MESSAGE

There are many students who attend John Brant from JK to grade 8 who suffer from a severe allergy, which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening.

These children have severe allergies to:

- Peas
- Seafood
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Tree Nuts (Please Note: Some products claim to be peanut free but actually contain tree nuts. Please read ingredient lists carefully.)

The best approach to creating a safe school environment for these children is prevention/avoidance and parents/guardians play a crucial role in this regard. While we recognize that parents are entitled to decide what goes into their child's lunches and snacks, we respectfully request your help in reducing the risk to our anaphylactic children by refraining, wherever possible, from packing the above named foods.

As a school, we are also taking all reasonable precautions to prevent a life threatening allergic reaction from happening at school. Some of these precautions include **not accepting outside food for class parties, birthdays, and other celebrations**. The risk to our students who have Anaphylaxis is simply too great. We have other prevention measures in place to reduce the risk for students with life threatening allergies. We will continue asking that all food be eaten in the classroom(s) or designated areas, not outside the school or on school buses. We also encourage your child not to share snacks or water bottles with others. These and many other measures are in place in accordance with the DSBN's Student Safety Procedure on Anaphylaxis and Ontario Law.

Thank you for your understanding and extra care in reducing the risk of exposure to these potentially life-threatening foods and helping these at risk students to feel safe and included at school. Your support in this important matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Webb", written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Steve Webb