

Deerfield School  
72 Deerfield Avenue  
Westwood, MA 02090

September 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to enlist your support. I am respectfully asking for the cooperation of each family to insure a safe environment for all children. This year, we have children in our classroom that have life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. It is important to note that some children have life threatening allergies to other foods, but The Westwood Public School System supports a voluntary classroom ban of peanut and tree nut products only. If children with nut allergies accidentally ingest any foods containing peanut/tree nut products, or come in contact with the nut oils/residue that can be left behind on classroom surfaces, they could become very ill requiring emergency life-saving intervention.

I am asking parents to refrain, to the best of their ability, from sending in any peanut or tree nut products for snack and/or celebrations in the classroom during this school year. Peanut/tree nut products are permitted in the cafeteria, as the space is larger and we have a designated nut safe table.

It is very important that all children and their families feel safe and supported at school. I appreciate your understanding and thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need to plan for other food allergy safety in the classroom, please contact the school nurse, Laura Cucchi at [lcucchi@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:lcucchi@westwood.k12.ma.us) or 781-326-7500 X 8202.

Very Truly Yours,

Laura Cucchi RN

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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS SLIP

I have read the letter asking parents to refrain from sending peanut and tree nut snacks to the classroom.

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(Child's name)

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(Parent's Signature)