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Many of the students within the Newhall School District have a severe food allergy to peanuts and tree nuts. Please make a note of this important issue when bringing snacks or treats for your child's class to eat during the school day.

It is preferable that any food item brought to school for the children in the classroom be purchased, and have an ingredients label so we can discern whether the item contains nuts or peanuts, or other allergens.

As many as 15 million Americans have food allergies, including approximately 6 million children. Food allergies can be potentially fatal, and there is no cure. The only way to avoid a reaction is to avoid the offending food.

This is also a good time to review with your student the importance of NOT sharing food at school. There are many students at our school with food allergies, and the contents of foods are not always apparent to children.

We encourage parents to bring non-food items for birthdays and other special occasions so all the children can enjoy the celebration and not feel left out.

Thank you for helping to make our school a safe place for all children!

District Nurses

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