



BRONXVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS VOLUNTARILY PEANUT-FREE

September, 2021

Dear Parents,

Many students in our school have severe allergies to a variety of foods, most of which are able to be self-monitored. However, some students are particularly allergic to peanuts.

Ingesting foods containing peanuts is not the only concern for these children; some are even at risk from contact in other ways. This includes contact with oils or other residue left on tables or other surfaces.

You may be surprised to find how many products contain peanuts or peanut oil, so please read all labels carefully! Any exposure can cause allergic reaction, including anaphylactic shock. We share a responsibility to reduce the chance of any allergic reaction for all of our students.

- **Please insure your child's lunch contains no peanuts or peanut oil, so there is less potential exposure to allergens for our students.**
- **All lunchroom tables and K classes are voluntarily "peanut-free". Please do not send foods with peanuts into the school at any time.**
- **Children are never allowed to share food at lunch time. Children should only eat food brought from home or that is purchased from our cafeteria.**
- **All food available for purchase by elementary students is peanut-free.**
- **Any food brought to school to share in classrooms, or even with faculty and staff, must be peanut-free. This includes not only foods for class snacks or celebrations and birthdays, but also for any other event including breakfasts, luncheons or the Holiday or Recognition Tea, for example.**

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Your help in reducing the risk of a serious health issue for our students and teachers is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph Mercora, Principal