



TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Nut Aware Policy

Dear Tri-County Family,

This letter is to inform you that Tri-County Primary (TCP) and Intermediate (TCI) are **nut aware schools** due to student allergies. As a Nut Aware School, TCP and TCI are not placing a ban on nuts, rather, the emphasis is on preventing cross contamination through proper handling of food and proper hygiene,(i.e., washing hands before school, washing hands during lunch, and not sharing food).

When choosing foods to send to school for your child's lunch or for class treats, please be mindful of the foods that are packed. To know the most about the food item, please, check the food label for allergen information. Both TCP and TCI will have a "peanut butter sandwich" table if your child chooses to bring peanut butter items in their lunch.

The following additional safety guidelines are in effect at TCP and TCI:

- The cafeterias at TCP and TCI will remain peanut free and prepare foods not processed in a facility that uses nut ingredients.
- Birthday parties and holiday celebrations are a special time for children, but can be a difficult time for the food-allergic child. If your child is in a classroom with another student with a confirmed nut allergy, a peanut free policy will be strictly enforced. At the beginning of the school year, families will receive notification if there is a peanut allergy in the classroom.
- All birthday treats and class party treats must be prepackaged or from a bakery with a label of the ingredients.
- If your child eats food containing nuts or peanut butter before coming to school, please make sure that his/her hands and face are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. Water alone does not do the trick.

We appreciate your support of these procedures. This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines.

If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact myself, a school nurse, or the classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Elaine Hall and Katie Pearson
Principals