



**THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Minnesauke Elementary School

The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

**Paula Bienia, Principal
Patricia Essenfled, Assistant Principal**

IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Parents,

This notice is a friendly but most important reminder that we have children and adults at Minnesauke who have allergies to various foods. Unfortunately, this is something they and their families live with on a daily basis. Their allergic reaction may be in the form of a rash, a cough, nasal congestion or it may be as life threatening as serious breathing difficulties, anaphylactic shock or even a fatality. When they are exposed to these allergens, their safety is compromised and their well being is jeopardized. Some people are so highly allergic that eating a food item is not the only way they could have an allergic reaction; inhaling just the smell of the food item will cause severe reactions in some people. Touching a table, ball or chair that someone else touched after eating these food items could lead to these severe reactions as well. Therefore, we must be vigilant to keep our students and staff safe.

It is important that you note that there may be children or adults in your child's class who have food allergies to **PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS**. Because of the prevalence of these allergies (there are more and more documented cases of these allergies every year), we are asking our parents to kindly refrain from sending foods containing any tree nuts or peanut products for snacks. Lunch is not included. Please send your child with his/her favorite foods for lunch.

I understand from experience with our Minnesauke families that most people will happily comply with this request. I do realize from experience, however, that a few people may question why their child cannot have what they want for their snack. If you find yourself asking yourself that question, please consider this a continuation of what I am sure has been a constant life lesson conversation with your child about being part of a community, respecting the well being of others, doing what we can to help other people and being empathetic. Your child can certainly look forward to having what he or she most enjoys when he or she arrives home from school.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of helping with this situation. As parents, we all strive to ensure our children's good health, safety and well being. I am certain, based on my experience with the families of Minnesauke School, that you will once again band together and extend that sentiment to support the good health and safety of the members of our Minnesauke community.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Should you have any questions, you may contact our school nurse, Mrs. Weiner, at 730-4210.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. P. Bienia
Principal