



BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We welcome you to the upcoming school year. During this back to school time, we have a couple of health concerns to share with you.

At this school site we have several students who have a severe allergy to food and food substances such as peanuts and peanut bi-products. For those who have a food allergy, exposure to certain substances can be life threatening. Strict avoidance of the above-mentioned foods is the only way to prevent a life threatening allergic reaction. For this reason we must be extremely cautious with classroom snacks and party foods.

When a child celebrates a birthday or a special event, it is a common practice for parents or guardians to send special snacks for each student in the classroom. There is a new school policy which discourages parents from bringing any store bought or homemade baked goods or sweets for classroom parties. Always check with the classroom teacher before any food is delivered to the classroom.

To prevent food allergy reactions, we strongly encourage children not to share food items with their peers. In addition, no unfinished breakfast/lunch food will be allowed into the classroom. Please review with your child the importance of handwashing to reduce the risk of peanut bi-products left on their hands.

The second concern is head lice in children. We would like to remind all parents that head lice transmission is possible whenever and wherever children gather. Please take this opportunity to screen your child and notify school health services if head lice or their nits (lice eggs) are suspected. If you are unsure whether or not your child has head lice, school health office personnel can show you how to check for them. Working together helps protect all of the children, including your own.

We are most appreciative of your understanding, support and cooperation in keeping our children healthy. If you would like additional information on this subject please contact Vivian Anderson RN, District Nurse at (909) 971-8200 x 3021.

Sincerely,

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