

# MEYERSDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Meyersdale Elementary, we are always concerned about our students' health and safety. Since we are seeing an increase in the number of students with food-related allergies, we want to remind families about our policy for any food items that are brought into the school for birthday celebrations or other classroom parties.

MAES promotes healthy eating habits and requests that party treats that are sent in support healthy eating styles. "Shared classroom snacks will be permitted in the form of pre-packaged store bought items." (Wellness Policy #246) Non-food treats such as pencils, tablets, crayons, stickers, etc. are also welcome.

In addition to this policy, we are also implementing stricter procedures concerning the labeling of foods that come into the school.

 We DO NOT allow products that have:  
"may contain nuts" or "produced on equipment that also processes peanuts or nuts" on their labels.

 We DO allow products that have:  
"produced in a facility that processes nuts" on their labels.

While we understand this can be inconvenient and confusing, we must remember that some students have severe, life-threatening allergies. As a reminder, birthday treats should be brought in on the first school day of the month.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe by following these procedures when sending in treats to school.

Thank you,

Mr. Devin Pritts  
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