

## SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ROYERSFORD, PA 19468** 

Dear Parents:

We look forward to working with you to ensure the health, safety and wellness of all our students and staff during this school year. We appreciate your continued cooperation as we meet the daily challenges of providing consistent health and wellness messages for those in our school community.

Food allergies are a growing concern in schools across America. A major health issue such as this one needs to be taken very seriously, and it has been the policy of this school to make the safety of our students a top priority.

In accordance with our School Wellness Policy 246, we will be following these guidelines:

- We will NOT distribute any snacks for birthday celebrations in class. We suggest non-food items (stickers, pencils, erasers) if you would like to recognize your student's birthday.
- Food at district approved holiday parties must be pre-packaged with an ingredient label.
- If ANY food is to be offered to students at special occasions such as holiday parties, field day, or PSSAs, you will receive an email from your child's teacher notifying you prior to the distribution.
- Parent must inform the teacher and the student if there are particular foods being offered that must be avoided due to an allergy or personal preference.
- We will instruct and encourage students to avoid sharing food or touching others while eating and we will encourage good handwashing. Please reiterate these healthy practices at home.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support in our efforts, as always please feel free to contact me with any questions. Have a wonderful school year!

Yours in health, Spring-Ford School Nurses and Administrators