



# École Arbutus Global Middle School

*School of Choice for Global Education*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like you to be aware of students in our school who have a significant medical concern.

These students have a severe life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts. If they eat or touch peanuts, she/he may have a reaction. Even tiny amounts of the allergen can lead to death.

To avoid such an emergency, we are asking for your cooperation. We hope to achieve a balance between the right of all students to eat what they like and the right to safety of the students with anaphylaxis.

Since we cannot guarantee an "allergen-free" environment, we hope to develop an "allergen-aware" school. For safety, the following precautions will be taken:

- ❖ Discourage children from sharing food, knives, forks, spoons, cups or straws.
- ❖ Encourage students to wash hands before and after eating.
- ❖ Provide safe eating areas.
- ❖ If your child must bring peanuts to school please ask her/him to inform their subject teachers.

Please encourage your child to support our efforts to make classrooms as safe as possible for the students with life-threatening allergies.

All school staff are aware of the situation and have been instructed in procedures necessary in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.

Ensuring the well-being of *all children* in the school setting requires the cooperation of the entire school community. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,

Sean Powell,  
Principal