Policy For A Nut And Seed Aware Environment At LREI

In order to make our school community safe for students who have severe allergies to peanuts, nuts and seeds of all kinds, please read the following guidelines carefully and make every effort to adhere to them throughout the school year.

1. The school will not knowingly serve peanut butter anywhere in the school, including the Sixth Avenue and the Charlton Street cafeterias.

2. We have instructed our food service provider that food served in the cafeteria may not be prepared with nuts or seeds, or any of their by-products, such as oils.

3. Families (including those whose children are not allergic) must never send in snacks or food that contain nuts or seeds of any kind, either for themselves or their children, even if the snacks or food are not intended to be consumed on school property. In particular, backpacks and pockets should not have any nuts or seeds in them.

4. Older students, faculty and staff must never bring in snacks or food prepared off site that contain nuts or seeds, (backpacks and pockets included).

5. Meals for field trips, potlucks, and food for special occasions must be nut and seed free.

6. A family of a child with a nut and/or seed allergy that endangers the child’s health or safety must inform the School Nurse when the child is admitted. If the allergy is discovered after the student’s admission, the family must inform the school as soon as possible. Thereafter, the school expects the family to work with their physician and the School Nurse to develop an appropriate medical response in the event of an allergic reaction. The Food Allergy Action Plan form must be completed and signed by the child’s physician and parents. The forms are available in the nurse’s office and can be downloaded from the LREI web site.

7. Families of children with nut/seed allergies are expected to sign a letter of agreement concerning the extent of LREI’s responsibility for their child’s medical condition.

8. When applicable, families must provide the nurse with EpiPens prescribed for their child.

9. When applicable, the School Nurse will train designated faculty to recognize symptoms of a severe allergic reaction and how to administer an EpiPen as per protocol.

10. Division heads, faculty and kitchen staff will be notified which children have nut and seed allergies.

11. Education of the community regarding food allergies and how to keep children safe will continue throughout the year in classrooms, parent rep meetings, faculty and staff meetings, and letters home.