



## ANCASTER MEADOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding Life-Threatening Allergies: UPDATE

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be aware that there are students at our school with severe life-threatening food allergies to any food containing all nuts and tree nuts. This life-threatening allergy is likely to result in anaphylaxis, a sudden and severe allergic reaction that can be fatal.

We also have students who are highly allergic to banana, sesame products, fish and eggs.

We can all help foster a safe and inclusive environment by preventing dangerous and frightening situations at our school. The students and their families are taking responsibility to avoid exposure to all nuts and tree nuts, and direct exposure to sesame products, fish, and eggs. Bananas pose airborne concerns. All staff know about these risks and have been instructed on the correct procedures regarding anaphylactic shock.

To further reduce risk, please reinforce with your child that there is no sharing of food and that frequent hand hygiene is necessary.

Please <b>do not</b> send:	You may send:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peanuts or products with peanuts</li><li>• Tree nuts (almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, pecans, pistachios and walnuts)</li><li>• Eggs in whole form (egg salad, scrambled, hard boiled, etc.)</li><li>• Bananas (may change to class specific)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Products with eggs as an ingredient</li><li>• Products with banana as an ingredient</li></ul>

Thank you for your support and understanding. We know how difficult lunch prep can be, and we appreciate your consideration for students who have severe allergies. Further updates will be shared as information changes.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dunford

Principal