



# Dr. George Hall Public School

## Home of the Huskies

### PEANUT ALLERGIES, TREE NUT ALLERGIES AND “WOW BUTTER”

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you are aware, an increasing number of students suffer from a severe allergy to tree nuts and peanuts. Exposure to even a tiny amount of these items could be potentially serious and even life threatening. We currently have students at Dr. George Hall PS who have extremely severe peanut and tree nut allergies.

We can all assist in minimizing the threat posed to students who suffer from a tree nut/peanut allergy. **While we can never guarantee a “Tree Nut/Peanut Free” school we do endeavor to try and create a “Tree Nut/Peanut Safe” school.**

We are asking for your assistance in:

- checking the list of ingredients on items you send to school,
- **not sending peanuts and tree nuts or products with them to school, and**
- helping to teach your child to understand the seriousness of this situation.

Many products come in tree nut/peanut free varieties (e.g., granola bars) or indicate that they were made in nut/peanut free factories.

**As well, “WOW Butter” is not permitted at Dr. George Hall PS. While I understand that “WOW Butter” is not nut-based, it raises other potential issues which are best avoided. It can be difficult to tell the difference between “WOW Butter” and peanut butter and the possibility of that mistake can be life threatening. This is also a TLDSB policy.**

This may be an inconvenience for you and your child (personally, I have two children who love peanut butter), but please realize how important your assistance is. We would take the same care should your child have a health care need. Our goal, as a school, is to always provide the safest learning environment possible within reason.

I appreciate your support in this matter. Should you require further information or have any questions, feel free to call me at the school number listed to the right.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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