

# Party Policy

## *Julia A. Traphagen School*

WALDWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

You have received a letter detailing Crescent's and Traphagen's policy regarding food allergies and forgotten lunches. In addition to those protocols, it has become necessary for us at Traphagen to further detail safety practices in order to shield all our students from potential danger. Everyone is a potential victim of anaphylaxis. Hidden ingredients are a frequent cause of anaphylaxis and can be found in baked goods, ice cream, and candy. The prevalence and frequency of this life threatening condition is far greater than is generally believed. There is no cure for food allergies. Strict elimination of the food in question is the only way to avoid an allergic reaction. Please view these additional requirements as our effort to care for your children.

Other than lunch, the only times that food is permitted in school are:

1. Four holiday parties – Halloween, end of December, Valentine's Day, and end of the year. The teacher, who is aware of students with particular health concerns, and the class mother will take care of holiday parties.
2. **Food for the parties is coordinated by the teacher and class parent and must be in the original container from the store and indicate it is manufactured in a peanut/tree nut free facility.**
3. Students with EpiPens for food allergies may have food from their 'safe snack box' or may have a snack sent to school from home specifically for that party.
4. Birthday parties – Co-celebrated birthday parties will be observed on the second school Friday of each month. Munchkins purchased by our PSO will be donated to each class.
5. St. Patrick's Day – green bagels with cheese/butter only

Because there is such a significant increase in the numbers of students with severe food allergies and type one diabetes, the care of these students is, of necessity, a major focus of school nursing. Your cooperation is greatly needed and appreciated

Thank you,

Robert Sileo, Principal

Amy Biswurm, School Nurse