



## ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - STREETSVILLE

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a "peanut/nut controlled" school environment, we endeavour to maintain a safe and secure setting at St. Joseph School. To that end, we wish to remind our families that we have many students at St. Joseph School have a life threatening allergy to peanuts/nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts. Many children with this type of allergy are impacted by trace amounts of peanuts/nuts that can be transferred by contact with hands or through the air. We ask that no child in the school bring any products which contain peanuts/nuts to school. This includes ALL Tim Horton's products.

Note: that it is also important to check labels to know whether there may be "hidden" nut products in a food, or "peanut oil" as well. Please consider some of the following nut free snacks when sending food to school with your child:

Kellogg™ NutriGrain Bars & Rice Krispie Squares ( original flavour only); fruit, vegetable & cheese snacks; Christie™ products - Fig Newtons, Barnum Animal Crackers, Teddy Grahams, & Oreo cookies (large ones only); Peek Freen™ Family Digestives and Fruit Creams; Betty Crocker Dunkaroos; General Mills™ products - Golden Graham Treats, Crispy Graham Squares, & Chewy Marshmallow; Nestle™ products- Smarties, Kit Kat, Aero, & Coffee Crisp bars; Kraft™ products - Jell-O pudding snacks, & Magic Moment pudding snacks; Delmonte Rich 'n' Creamy pudding snacks

Dufferin Peel CDSB continues to maintain the position that schools also discourage parents/guardians from sending peanut butter substitutes to school for the following reasons:

- 1) If a child with a life-threatening peanut allergy sees it, they may experience anxiety and/or physical panic reaction as a result of visually seeing the WOWBUTTER, or at minimum, the child and his or her family members may have safety concerns about the product being in school;
- 2) It can create significant challenges for teachers, and especially students, to identify real peanut butter from the substitute;
- 3) If one student sees another with WOWBUTTER, they may believe it is peanut butter, and may take the message home that it is acceptable to bring peanut butter, and may bring their own peanut butter to school as a result; and,
- 4) The presence of this look-alike can create potential circumstances of bullying / threats toward students with life-threatening peanut allergies.

In addition, WOWBUTTER, which contains soy, also represents a risk to students who may have a soy anaphylactic allergy.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.  
Regards,

A. Cavaliere  
Principal