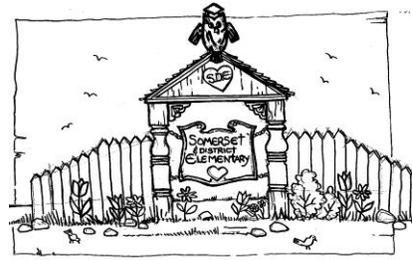


# Somerset & District Elementary School

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**Principal: Deron Moores**

September 22, 2016

Dear Families,

We are working with students, adults and their families who have a variety of life threatening allergies that we must be conscious of and support to make their environment as safe as we possibly can.

Somerset has been peanut and tree-nut aware for some time now, but other than being aware of concerns within our building and planning and training accordingly, how we operated did not change much. We, like other schools, have students who have potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods. We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to ask for the cooperation of the families within the school community. Therefore, I am writing to let you know that our practice now must also change. In preparing to support our current and future staff and students as well as those in the community who use the facility on a regular basis, we will be removing products from our menu that have peanuts and/or tree-nuts and asking families to work with us to ensure that students do not bring foods or other products to school that contain peanuts and/or tree-nuts or those that may have come into contact with peanuts and/or tree-nuts. This will also include peanut butter.

Schools and worksites within the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board are moving towards being Peanut and Tree-nut “Aware” environments. We are working with the AVRSB Health Nurse to ensure that we are able to provide you with information that you need regarding the change in process at Somerset. We will be placing signage in the main lobby area, sending home information to you as needed and placing links to information on our school website.

We will begin to implement these changes on Monday, September 26. We would appreciate, starting on that date, students bring to school only products that are peanut and tree-nut free as well as those that, “**may contain peanuts or tree-nuts.**”

Thank you very much in advance for working with us to support this necessary change. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I would be happy to meet with you to at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Deron Moores  
Principal