



École Holy Family Elementary School

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Many of our parents/grandparents/guardians are very talented! In the past we have received some amazing treats - designed, baked, purchased and/or created by our parents/grandparents/guardians. While we greatly appreciate the extra effort, we have to ask that you please **refrain from sending along cakes, cupcakes, cookies, lootbags, etc...**

We have many students with medical concerns such as anaphylactic allergies and diabetes. As well, our school and school district has a focus on promoting a socially-just environment for our students. Every year, we have students who are upset and disappointed because they did not have treats to distribute to their classmates. Not everyone can afford to purchase or make “treats” for special occasions - these children then feel left out.

To ensure everyone’s needs are addressed and that all students can be included in our celebratory practices at Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc... we must restrict the treat items that come into our building.

If teachers wish to plan a “healthy, allergen-free inclusive” party, they may contact you requesting specific items such as fruits, veggies, cheese and crackers, etc... Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested in providing such items to your child’s class at some time throughout the year. They may then contact you for support when needed.

Teachers have been directed not to distribute treats/lootbags. Please do not place a classroom teacher in the difficult position where s/he has to refuse to distribute treats/lootbags in the classroom and then send the items back home with your child.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding as we all work together to ensure our students come to school in a safe, caring and socially-just environment.

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