

November 3, 2014

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a new school policy that will take effect **January 6, 2015**. It is our goal that every student at Flowery Branch Elementary School be healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. We believe these five areas are critical to the development of the whole child. In 2013, our school received the Alliance for Healthier Generation's Bronze Award. We are currently pursuing the National Healthy Schools Silver Award. The requirements for achieving Silver Status will serve as the guidelines for our school. We believe every child who attends Flowery Branch Elementary should be provided opportunities to learn about and practice a healthy lifestyle.

Due to an increasing number of students with food allergies, and also as a way of encouraging health and fitness, we will no longer allow parents or visitors to bring food into the school. The only exception to this rule will be the two designated classroom parties each year as determined by each grade level. Classroom teachers will communicate with parents regarding special considerations for those days.

You are still welcome to bring a birthday treat for your child and their classmates, but we are requiring that the treat be non-food items such as a special pencil, eraser, stickers, gift bag, etc....

This policy will also apply to the school cafeteria. We continue to encourage you to have lunch with your child as often as possible, but we will not be able to allow parents to bring any food from our area restaurants.

While I realize this new policy represents a significant change to our current practice, our top priority must always be the health and safety of all students. If you have any further questions, please communicate those to your child's teacher. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Miller".

Susan Miller

Principal

Flowery Branch Elementary School