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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Thursday, many students will be bringing in Valentines to share with friends. The spirit of giving and celebrating friendships is definitely a tradition we encourage and welcome in our school community. We would like to remind families that it is not necessary or encouraged to share treats with students as part of Valentine's Day.

Safe Schools legislation requires us to ensure the safety of all students including those with severe food allergies. Home baked goods and store bought baked goods present a significant risk to our staff and students who are anaphylactic. For this reason, we will not accept any offerings to classrooms that pose a risk to any staff member or student in the school. We kindly request that you refrain from sending in food on Thursday. Any candies that are sent to school will be sent home in paper bags for parents to distribute to their children. This practice is very similar to checking your child's Halloween candy prior to it being consumed.

Our staff and students have been working really hard this school year to become a healthier, more eco-friendly community. We are extremely proud of our students for continuing to make healthy choices when it comes to physical activity, nutrition, and positive mental health. Your support of our Healthy Schools initiatives and Safe Schools practices is very much appreciated.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at school at (519) 653-4482.

Sincerely,

Tonya Reesor
Principal