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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be advised that in our school, we have many students who have severe allergies to specific foods. Peanut/Tree Nut allergic students can experience a life threatening reaction if they touch, inhale or ingest even the slightest trace of residue of the allergen.

Marshall Hill Elementary School is an allergen sensitive school. In order to provide all students with a safe school experience, we are asking for your cooperation with the following measures:

- We will not be doing any classroom projects that involve Peanuts/Tree Nuts. If your child creates a project based assignment at home, please remember not to send in any projects that contain peanuts or nuts.
- When sending in treats for birthdays or class parties, please be sure to contact your child's teacher in advance so that our allergen sensitive students may have an appropriate treat to enjoy with their peers. All treats must not contain Peanuts/Tree Nuts or be processed in a facility that uses nut products.
- It is important that you read the labels of foods sent in to be eaten in the classroom. Please do not send in snacks that contain Peanuts/Tree Nuts. We must also avoid foods manufactured in the same plant as Peanut/Tree Nut products. This information is usually marked by the ingredients. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about everyone helping to care for each other and about the importance of healthy choices such as fresh fruits and vegetables!
- Please remind your child sharing of food will not be tolerated.
- Hand washing will be required after snack and lunchtime for all the students.
- During the school day we are making it a practice that students consuming Peanuts/Tree Nuts wash their hands after lunch. Following this practice at home is encouraged and appreciated.

This is an ongoing learning process. We trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If we work together, a safe learning environment is possible for all of our students. What a great opportunity to teach our children the importance of supporting one another!

Sincerely,

Janet Cash Principal