

December 6, 2021

**RE: NUT FREE School Policy**

We would like to remind you that we are a **NUT FREE school**. There are children in our school with life-threatening allergies to nuts. This is a medical condition (anaphylaxis) that causes a severe reaction to specific foods that can result in death within minutes.

Peanut butter or products containing nuts of any kind at school are not permitted. Imitation peanut butter or any soy butter is also not permitted in the school as it is hard to differentiate these products from peanut butter or nut spreads. Items from a bulk food store should not be sent to school as there is potential for cross-contamination. Cross-contamination occurs when a safe food comes in contact with a food allergen such as nuts. For those with severe food allergies, eating even the slightest trace of an allergic food can cause a potentially life threatening or fatal reaction.

We thank you for your cooperation to maintain this **nut-free policy** and help keep our students with severe allergies safe. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.