



## *Public School 3*

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### ***Important Information for Our School Community About Severe Allergies in Children***

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

There are students in our school and perhaps in your child's class who have severe allergies to peanuts, tree nuts (cashews, pecans, walnuts, pistachios) and sesame seeds. We are distributing this letter to you to help you understand this situation and to help foster a safe and worry-free year for these students and their parents.

These allergies can be life-threatening. The allergy can be triggered not only by directly eating or coming into contact with the above, but also by exposure to foods that contain any peanut/nut traces, oils, or food that is processed in a plant with peanuts, nuts, or sesame seeds. For this reason, we are asking that you do not send your child with snacks that contain peanuts/nuts. This may include pre-made cookies or cakes. Also, many bakeries use nut products, flavorings, or oils in their facilities or products. When you are sending in any type of classroom treats for your child and his/her class, please notify the teacher in advance so that arrangements can be made to ensure that the allergic students have a safe snack or treat.

We want you and your child to understand that even ingesting or exposure to very small amounts of the above allergens can trigger the students' allergies. Teachers who have students in their class with allergies will talk about this in class and will share ways we can all help keep the classroom safe, such as always washing hands after lunch or snacks, and not bringing in snacks that contain peanuts or nuts. Also, we want you to know that we will not be serving peanut butter sandwiches in our school cafeteria.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, healthy environment for all of our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

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