



Salisbury Academy

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To: Parents and/or Guardians
From: Salisbury Academy
Date: August 9, 2010
Re: Safety Guidelines Regarding Peanut Allergies

- Please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter or foods containing peanuts or peanut butter to be eaten as snacks in the classroom. It is fine to send these products for lunch, which is eaten in the cafeteria.
- We will not be doing any classroom projects that involve peanut butter (like bird feeders) or peanut shells (art projects). Please do not send any of these projects into the classroom with your child.
- Birthday parties are a special time for children, but can be a difficult time for the food-allergic child. If you would like to send in baked goods, please be careful about the ingredients. Please list the ingredients on the outside of the package and when preparing “treats” please pay close attention to cross-contamination in your kitchen. To prevent cross-contamination, it is necessary that cooking utensils and preparation surfaces be carefully washed after each food is touched. It would be especially helpful if you could let your child’s teacher know a few days ahead of when you would like to celebrate your child’s birthday, so that the food-allergic child can provide his/her own safe treat.
- We will try to keep the food at holiday parties to a minimum. As with birthday parties, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the food items. Please do not enclose candy or other treats with holiday cards.
- We will keep a box of wipes in the classroom, and may request that all children who ate peanut butter or peanut products for lunch use a wipe to clean their hands when they return from the cafeteria. Similarly, if your child ate peanut butter for breakfast, we would greatly appreciate your making sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. Water alone does not do the trick!

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines.