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Please Read Carefully

Dear Families of Franklin,

At Franklin, we are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all of the children in our school. Food allergies are a growing concern in schools across America. During the year there are many events that take place and as a continued effort for the students' safety at this young age, the safety guidelines are in effect:

#### **Birthday Parties/Celebrations**

Birthday parties and celebrations are a special time for children, but can be a difficult time for the food allergic child. We must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the food items. At Franklin, **food is *not* permitted for a birthday celebration and classroom celebrations.** During this time, we are asking you to follow the guidelines:

- Inform the teacher a few days prior to your child's birthday.
- You may read a story and/or facilitate a craft for their birthday celebration.
- No goodie bags or favors of any kind for **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**. Please note: *If they are sent into school, they will be returned.*
- Food is never permitted to go home with children.

We are very sensitive to students with food allergies. 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish you and your family a safe and healthy school year.

Thank you,

*Lorraine Smyth*  
Principal

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