*September 23, 2013*

*Dear Parents,*

*This is just a reminder that we have a growing number of students with severe allergies to peanuts and/or tree nuts. Because of the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking you to refrain from sending peanut or tree nut products to school for snacks to be eaten outside the cafeteria.*

*Your child is welcome to eat what they like in the lunch room. However, due to shared computer equipment and art supplies in the classroom, as well as the ease with which food residue is transferred from one student to the other, we would like to keep our classrooms as safe as possible. Should your child enjoy peanuts/nuts at lunchtime or at home please remind them that washing their hands thoroughly after eating, either at home or in school will help prevent exposure of the allergen to students at risk.*

*Our goal is to make school a safe place for all of our students. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.*

*Sincerely,*

*Maryellen Prager, RN MSN*