



Date: August 24th, 2012

Re: STUDENTS WITH PEANUT ALLERGY

This year we have a number of students with an allergy to peanuts in your child's grade level. Some may be in your child's class. The teachers, counselor, nurse and parents have developed a Student Care Preventative Plan to follow should a child have an allergic reaction. It is important to implement accommodations to insure a safe school environment for these children..

These students may experience allergic reactions by smelling or being around peanuts and peanut-based products, and may experience severe respiratory difficulties should they ingest these substances. They are well aware of their condition and know not to share food with anyone at school. They are otherwise healthy and participate in activities just like anyone else.

In this situation these student can suffer a reaction requiring a hospital visit by ingesting peanuts. Obviously, the parents will monitor all snacks and food for them at school. However, this situation has implications for your child's food selection as well. Some foods may contain peanut substances including baked products like cakes and biscuits, cereals, crackers, health bars, pastry, sandwiches, and many oriental dishes. When you send snacks or lunch from home, we ask that you take this information into account. This also applies to any food you may bring to your child's class for special occasions. In addition, foods containing nuts or prepared in peanut oil have been removed from the ES and MS/HS Cafeteria menu.

Thank you in helping us by taking these important precautions. The children's parents and the school appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making ISB a healthy environment for all students.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the teacher, ES Principal or Khun Able, the elementary school nurse, at ext. 129 or 143.

Sincerely,

Kelly Amitage
ES Principal

Diana Drummond
ES Vice-principal