

.....

September 1, 2010

TO: Rush Creek Families
FROM: Rush Creek Staff
RE: New All-School Shared Treat Policy (birthdays, holidays, special occasions, etc.)

Due to a growing number of students with allergies and a few close calls with birthday and shared treats served accidentally to students with severe allergies last year, we have decided to adopt a school-wide policy. We feel this lessens the risk of accidental ingestion of allergens. Therefore, we are asking parents/students not to bring birthday or shared snacks that contain peanuts, tree nuts, or other allergens that are life threatening to Rush Creek students. If a student brings in treats that contain allergens they are not to be served to anyone and are to be sent back home with the student at the end of the day.

If you would like to provide a safe shared treat for the classroom, there are many options. **BAKERY PRODUCTS FROM ANY LOCAL BAKERY ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED SAFE.** Any cupcakes or other products from a local bakery should be considered unsafe due to the risk for cross-contamination with peanuts or peanut products. Please see the attached lists of peanut-free food choices for acceptable birthday treats at Rush Creek.

Please read the label of any food product you may send as a shared treat to make sure it is safe. Please send packaged food in its original container.

Thank you for your adherence to this policy.

Rush Creek Staff