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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This year, we have several students in the school with life threatening allergies to foods including nuts, eggs, and milk. We are trying to make our school environment safe for these students by making sure they are not accidentally exposed to any products containing nuts, eggs, or milk.

Even the smallest amount of nuts, eggs or milk on a desk, book or even someone's clothing could cause a life threatening allergic reaction. If this should happen, we have an emergency plan and will take action immediately.

However, we ask for your cooperation in reducing the risk for these students. Please remind your child to eat only the food you send from home, rather than trading or sharing lunch items with the other students. Staff will repeat the guideline that there is no sharing of food at the recess and lunch eating times.Please refrain from sending your child to school with foods containing nuts as this is the most prevalent food allergy in the school. Please remind your child about the importance of washing hands before and after eating. Yes, it's true that we have established handwashing procedures enforced multiple times during the school day, but this yet another important reason for hand hygiene.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this very serious matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Office.

Sincerely,

Theresa Roberts, Principal École Kilmer Elementary School, SD43 Coquitlam