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Dear Parent/Guardian,

For the safety of all students, our classrooms and learning spaces throughout OASD will be **PEANUT AND NUT-FREE\*** environments. Children are welcome to have nut products in their lunches eaten in the cafeteria\*\*. Please do not send your child with any snacks, treats, or products to be consumed in the classroom that contain Peanuts/Tree Nuts or are processed in a facility that processes Peanuts/Tree Nuts. Please also encourage your student(s) to wash or wipe their hands if coming in contact with nut products prior to coming to school or at lunchtime.

We appreciate your support of these procedures to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all of our students. Peanuts and Tree Nuts are among the top 8 allergens, and are legally required to be listed plainly on a product ingredient label. Items labeled with statements saying they “may contain” these allergens or “processed in facility that also processes” are also not considered safe for classroom/learning environments. Manufacturers may change ingredients at any time. To be sure an item still is safe for school, please review the label prior to sending with your student.

You may learn more about food/product labels and allergies by visiting [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org). Thank you for making it possible for all students to participate and be safe!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your school's health room assistant, your principal and/or your child's teacher(s).

Sincerely,

*Christy Deal, MSN, RN*

\*The word “FREE” is used to indicate spaces that will be kept as free as possible of products known to contain nuts

\*\*Peanut and Tree Nuts will be allowed in OHS's main cafeteria, room 150. The small cafeterias, rooms 123/170 will be peanut and tree nut free.