



Pacific School

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Dear Kindergarten Parents & Guardians,

Currently, at Pacific Elementary School, we have several students with severe allergies and risk of anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the body's reaction to an allergen leading to life threatening respiratory and vascular changes.

Across all grade levels there are students at Pacific with life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Peanut allergies can be so severe that the smell of peanut butter can trigger a reaction. Because of this, MBUSD is eliminating the use of peanuts and nut products in all activities and crafts. Although we can not require that you refrain from sending food containing peanuts and nut products to school with your child, we hope that by sharing this information you will consider it when making decisions regarding food items that you may send to school.

In addition to removing peanuts and nut products from the classroom activities and crafts, we have a "Peanut/Nut Free Table" on the Kindergarten playground. All students are welcome to eat at this table as long as they don't have any food containing peanuts/nuts.

It is our intent to keep all children within the Manhattan Beach Unified School District safe and we hope that you will help us accomplish this task.

Sincerely,

Debbie Mabry
Principal, Pacific School

Kristin Walz, RN
MBUSD Nurse