

**The Ridge School
Ridgewood Public Schools
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Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform all Ridge School parents that there may be a student and/or staff member in your child's classroom who has a severe food allergy to peanuts/tree nuts. It is important that there is strict avoidance of these foods in order to prevent life-threatening allergic reactions. A reaction can occur simply by smelling or touching nut products of any kind. We are asking for your help in providing the students and staff members at Ridge School with a safe environment.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. **To reduce the chances of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send into school with your child any peanut or nut-containing products or treats made in a factory with nuts that will be eaten in the classroom or sold at H.S.A. sponsored events.** A nut-free table is provided for students during lunch to eliminate their exposure in the cafeteria. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering school.

If there are other allergens affecting your child's classroom, you would have already been notified.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in providing a safe school environment for all of our students and staff at Ridge.

Sincerely,

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