GOLDEN MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians of Golden Meadow Middle School,

We are requesting your help and cooperation with a serious matter. This school year, students will be enrolled at GMMS who are afflicted with significant food allergies to **peanuts/nut products**. The students cannot come in contact with peanuts or tree nuts, or any peanut/tree nut products. Any contact will cause a severe allergic reaction, even to the point of constricting the throat and inhibiting the ability to breathe. Food allergies can be severe and potentially fatal. The only way to avoid a reaction is to avoid the offending food. We need to do everything reasonably possible to insure that these students are not exposed to any type of nut or tree nut products. GMMS has asked that you please do not send these items on campus. **Any products containing peanuts, peanut butter, or other tree nut products MUST NOT be sent to school.** For example, Zapp's potato chips (fried in peanut oil).

I am asking for your understanding with this situation. Please follow the simple steps below when sending any/snacks &/or lunch to school.

- 1. Please do not pack your child a peanut butter sandwich for lunch.
- If your child eats peanut butter, peanuts/tree nuts, or peanut/tree nut products for breakfast, please make sure he/she washes his/her hands thoroughly. If anyone with peanut/tree nut residue on their hands touches these students, a severe reaction can occur.
- 3. If you are sending healthy snacks to school for the class, please read the label carefully. Do not send anything containing peanuts/tree nuts or that is "processed in a plant that processes peanuts or tree nuts."

Again, my sincere thanks for your cooperation and understanding,

Hennessy Melancon

Principal