



IMPORTANT CHANGE IN OPERATIONS

Effective Date:	June 15, 2009
Please sign and return ASAP. Thank you.	



NOTICE: There is a new school wide peanut-free policy at Starmaker

Beginning June 15th, 2009 Starmaker will join other schools across the country in becoming a peanut-free school. The rationale for peanut free schools has to do with the unique nature of this allergy which can be life-threatening. Most food allergies can be managed by simply not eating foods that have their allergens in them. When it comes to children with peanut allergies, however, they can react to traces of nut dust in the air (from peanut shells, for example) and also from the oil of the nut that can leave a residue on tables and chairs in the classroom. Our kitchen is already peanut-free. The next step is to focus on lunches brought in from home.

We are asking that all products you may send to school with your child be peanut-free. This includes lunches, snacks, and special birthday treats. Choices for a peanut-free lunch could include, but are in no way limited to:

- Turkey, ham, and roast beef
- Strawberries, grapes, and apples
- Carrots, broccoli, and celery
- Swiss, cheddar, and provolone cheeses
- Yogurt, Go-gurt, and yogurt covered raisins
- Ritz, Saltines, and Goldfish crackers
- Wheat, multi-grain, and white breads
- Jello, pudding, and cottage cheese
- Pretzels, chips, and cookies

Please sign below acknowledging that you are aware of Starmaker's new school wide peanut-free policy. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Lynn at lennis@starmakerschool.org or (301) 863-7740.

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<i>Parent Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Print Name	
