

### **TKCS Peanut-Free Policy – Clarifications and Information**

We have certainly had much input from our school families regarding our new peanut-free policy. Please permit us to clarify several issues:

- (1) The safety and welfare of every student at King's is our top priority.
- (2) Many schools have addressed this issue in a variety of ways, some non-compliant with federal law with regards to students who qualify for accommodations due to a medical diagnosis. TKCS will not knowingly discriminate against any student who has an identified medical need or learning difference.
- (3) TKCS will not sell from its vending machines any peanuts or products containing peanuts.
- (4) TKCS requests that parents provide food that has no peanuts and/or no peanut products when they are bringing in refreshments or treats for any student or group of students at any school function.
- (5) Students will be encouraged to wash their hands prior to lunch. Sanitizer hand wipes are provided in the lunchroom for each student to use as they enter the lunch line. Tables are cleaned after every lunch period. Students who cannot be exposed to peanuts or peanut products will be provided a place to sit during lunch that is a "peanut free zone". Students who bring peanut butter sandwiches or peanut products for lunch are asked to please sit away from the "peanut free zone" out of health concerns for allergic students. Students who eat peanut butter sandwiches for lunch or handle peanut products are asked to please wash their hands or use a sanitizer hand wipe at the end of each lunch period before returning to class.
- (6) With everyone's cooperation, we will be able to accommodate those precious students who are highly allergic to peanut products and at the same time permit students to bring peanut butter sandwiches or peanut products to lunch from home.
- (7) TKCS has contracted with Chick-Fil-A to provide lunch one day a week. We have received an official response from Chick-Fil-A today stating "that they do use peanut oil to cook waffle fries; however, the peanut oil is a heat processed fully refined peanut oil with the proteins in the oil stripped. Therefore, once the protein is removed, the risk of ever having a reaction to that food drops significantly." We strongly advise parents who have students allergic to peanuts to use discretion if ordering Chick-Fil-A products. The full document from Chick-Fil-A will be posted on our website.
- (8) Your cooperation is certainly appreciated!