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Dear Parent:

We are pleased to provide the following information on the use of peanut/nut products in our various menu items. Many items we prepare from scratch recipes; of those, the following **do not** contain nuts or nut products:

Pasta with Meat Sauce	Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce
Taco Boat <u>Meat</u>	Soft Shell Taco <u>Meat</u>
Pizza Pita <u>Meat</u>	Macaroni and Cheese
Nacho Cheese/Chili	Sugar Cookie
Snickers doodle Cookie	Lemon Cookie
Banana Cookie (has nutmeg)	Chocolate Chip Cookie
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Banana Bread
Baking Powder Biscuit	Cinnamon Roll (has soybean oil)
Chocolate Brownie (has soybean oil)	All other cakes
Chocolate cake (has soybean oil)	Red velvet cake (has soybean oil)

It is important to know, however, that we **do have** nuts in our production facility. We produce an M&M Cookie (appearing on our Lunch and Snack menus) that contains M&M's that are produced where there are nuts and/or traces of nuts/peanuts. A product called Carnival Crunch also appears peanut-free on the ingredient statement, however, the manufacturer of this product has informed us that the product is produced in a facility where peanuts and tree nuts are used.

One product that is often of special interest is the Honey Roasted Sunflower Seeds. This product is actually **peanut-free** and produced in a plant that is free of peanuts. It is safe for students with peanut allergy to consume.

We cannot guarantee that purchased product will be free of nuts or peanuts or traces of nuts/peanuts because of our bidding process and use of different brand name products. Substitutions are also necessary at times. We can, however, tell you with certainty that **at this time** the following items contain peanut products: Granola Bar, Honey Nut Cheerios, Cheesy Crackers with Peanut Butter, Peanut Butter and Jelly Wafer Bar, Peanut Butter and Jelly Squeezers and the Peanut Butter and Jelly Uncrustable Sandwich.

As you can see, many of the products containing nuts or peanuts/peanut butter have this description in their menu name such as the Cheesy Crackers with Peanut Butter; however, there are some other items such as the Granola Bar or M&M Cookie that may contain traces of nuts/peanuts and this statement would not appear on the menu.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If I can be of further assistance, please call me at 773-385-5025. Thank you.

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