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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With our classroom parties for Valentine's Day quickly approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our school classroom parties will be moving in a new and healthier direction. As all of you should know, it has been necessary for our building to become a nut-free zone in response to the growing number of students with life-threatening allergies to nuts. However, this is only one of the many varied food allergies that affects numerous students.

For the classroom Valentine Parties on Friday, February 14, 2014, students may still exchange Valentine cards and play games or have a classroom activity. However, we will no longer be able to have treats for the students to eat in the classroom. We are asking parents/guardians **not** to send any edible treats for the Valentine Parties. This would include attaching any edible treats to the Valentine cards or any edibles in a take home treat. With all of the health concerns, it was necessary to have both nurses at our school, on the day of the Christmas Parties, to check the treats brought in and cross reference any dietary restrictions for the appropriate classroom. Unfortunately by doing this, we took one of our nurses away from their assigned school for the day. We are very fortunate to have nurses who try to take every precaution to ensure the safety of all of our students.

I understand this will be a big change, but I hope you understand that we are not getting rid of the celebrations for students; we are only asking that treats no longer be part of the classroom parties.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Selvaggio".

Mark D. Selvaggio