



## Exhibit A



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## Look at what district 308 in IL is doing

Grande Park is starting a new club! The Black Student Alliance Buddies is a club geared towards giving students a sense of belonging and creating a positive impact on a student's identity development and academic success.

Engaging in clubs and organizations with peers who have common experiences can be highly beneficial. The BSA Buddies club provides students with the opportunity to become part of a supportive community built on shared experiences. In addition, BSA Buddies is partnering with students at Oswego High and Oswego East, who are part of their own respective Black Student Alliance (BSA), to create a mentor experience.

**Who Can Attend:** Elementary students, in 4th and 5th grade who identify as Black, Biracial, or African American will come together to connect with their peers.

**Facilitated By:** The Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs) from the district's Equity and Engagement department: Ms. Finkley, Mrs. Osuch, and Mrs. Simmons as well as BSA mentors from Oswego East.

**What:** A space for students to connect, share experiences, and feel affirmed & proud in their skin. To learn about and celebrate their black culture.

**When:** Every other Wednesday during the school day. During a part or all of lunch/recess from 11:15am-12:00pm.

**Where:** Grande Park conference room

**Dates:** December 4th, December 18th, January 8th, January 22nd, February 5th, February 19th, March 5th, March 19th, April 2nd, April 16th, April 30th, and May 14th.

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**Please complete the permission slip attached and return by Monday, November 18th.**

Thank you!

Mrs. Finkley, Mrs. Osuch, and Mrs. Simmons



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We are thrilled to invite your child to be part of GP BSA Buddies. Because this group plans to meet during the school day, we are seeking parent permission. By signing below, you acknowledge and agree that your child will be missing lunch/recess in the lunchroom. **Please return by Monday, November 11th, 25th**

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

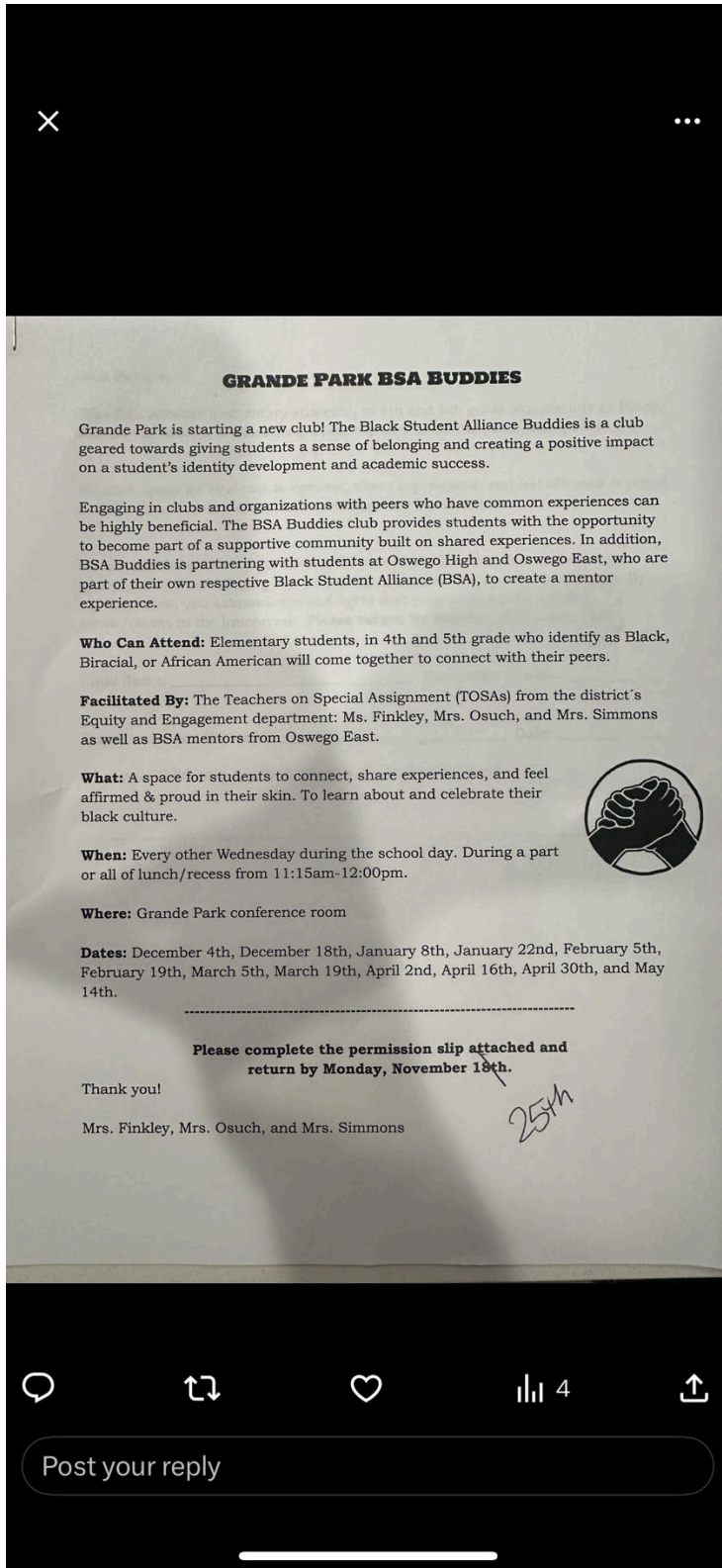
Parent/caretaker Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

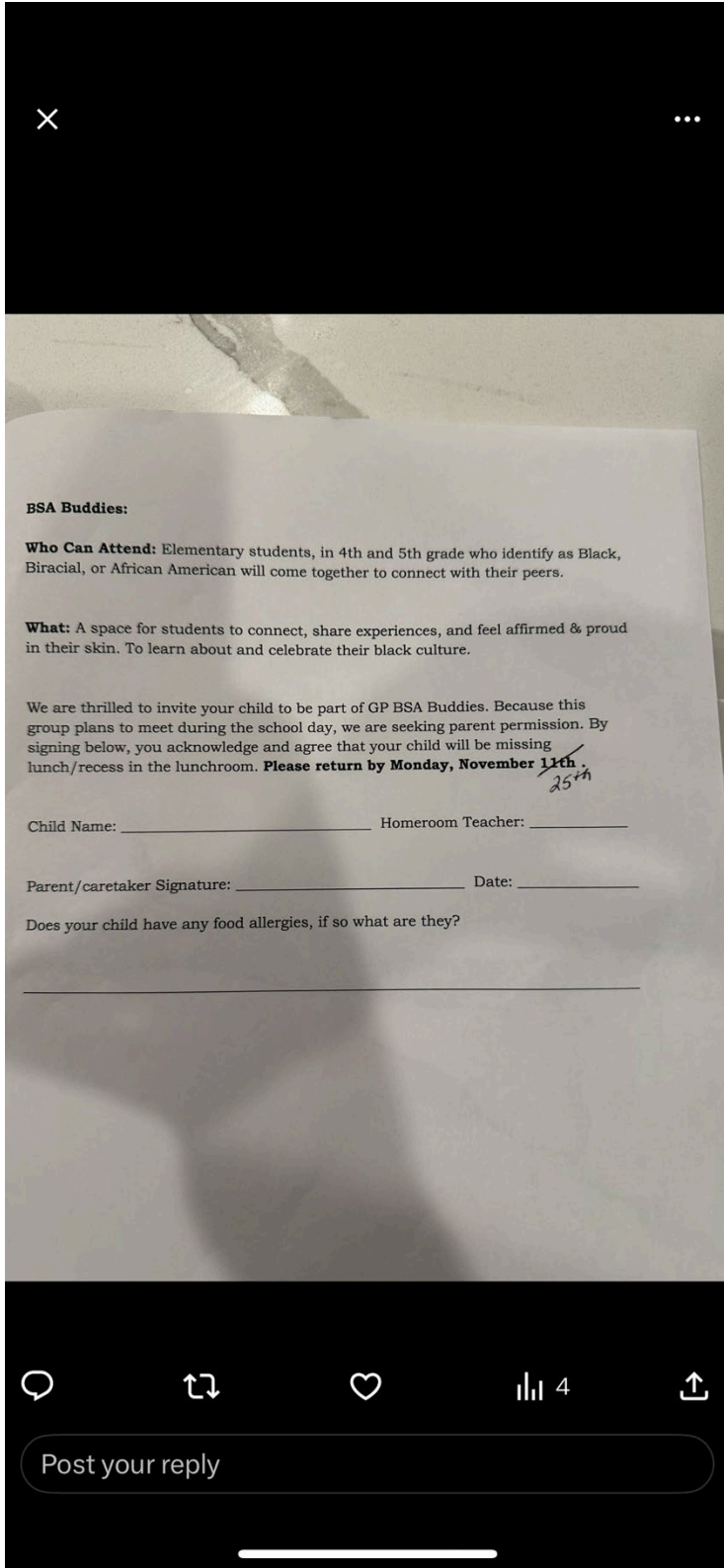
Does your child have any food allergies, if so what are they?

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