

Dear Parent(s),

As we begin a new school year, I have a few reminders and requests that will hopefully help to minimize the need for individual notes sent home.

Returning students: In the spring, a number of **referrals** for vision, hearing and scoliosis were sent out. At this time, there are many that have not been returned. I urge you to please have these referrals followed up by your physician and return the forms to me in order for the information to be documented on your child's health record.

Also, there are a few students who still have not turned in their **physical forms from last year**; please return them as soon as possible. Timely submission of the forms eliminates the time-consuming task of preparing and sending out individual reminders, so please return them to me as soon as possible.

I would also appreciate any **updated information** concerning immunizations, serious illnesses or injuries (*fractures, surgeries*) or changes concerning your child's health to be forwarded to me.



Sixth Grade students:

Current sixth graders are recommended to have a physical this school year. Anyone needing forms, please contact my office.

In the spring, all parents of incoming 6th graders were notified of the immunization requirements that were enacted by the State of New Jersey regarding the Tdap and Menactra vaccines. These are now required for entrance into 6th grade. Note that your student will be excluded from school if these requirements have not been met.

All students:

→ It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that we be made aware of any child with a **SERIOUS ALLERGY CONDITION** (*such as ASTHMA, BEE or INSECT STINGS, ETC.*) and also of the treatment needed in order for the best possible care to be given in the event of such a problem. Please be sure that **STUDENTS WHO NEED INHALERS HAVE THEM AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES** and have the proper paperwork completed. Those students who received Asthma and/or Epi-Pen forms for the current school year also need to return them completed.

CONTAGIOUS CONDITIONS: In order to safeguard the health of our children, teachers and staff, we ask you to notify the school if your child has a contagious condition such as chickenpox, Fifth's Disease, head lice, impetigo, pink eye or ringworm. For any contagious condition, a doctor's note is required for the child to return to school. In addition, please keep your child home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours.



One last important reminder concerns the dispensing of medication in school.....
Medication can only be given with a **form signed by both a physician and by the parent**. This policy includes both prescription and over-the-counter drugs, *such as Tylenol and cough medicines*. If the medication is a prescription and also is in the original pharmacy container, a physician's signature is not necessary. We are sorry, but there can be no exceptions; however, you as a parent can come in to school to administer medication yourself.

I am looking forward to the opportunity of providing your children with the best health care services possible and welcome any questions or concerns pertaining to your child's health.

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