



Tidbits from our Nurse

Nurse's Corner

Dear Parents,

Here is some very important health information that I think will help you make sure your child is ready for school next year. Please read this carefully.

DODEA requires that all students are up to date on their immunizations before they can be enrolled in school. If while enrolled in school; your child becomes delinquent on their immunizations *DODEA* gives parents of currently enrolled students **10 DAYS** to provide the school with documentation satisfying the requirements, prior to dis-enrolling the student from school.

If your child turns 11 over the summer he/she will need to be taken to your medical clinic to receive the Tdap and Meningococcal immunizations before the beginning of the school year and a copy of their updated shot record MUST be provided to the school.

When medications must be administered during the school day, the medication must be delivered to the school nurse in the original container, properly labeled by the pharmacy or physician, stating the name of the student, the medication, the dosage, and current date. PRIOR to administering medication at school, the physician and parent must complete and sign a permission for medication form. This form must be renewed yearly. That means if you provided the school with a "medication form" for this school year (2011-2012) you will be required to provide the school with a new one for the upcoming school year (2012-2013) **BEFORE** any medication can be administered to your child.

NO Student is allowed to carry any medication (to include inhalers) on them during the school day unless the nurse has on file a "Permission to Retain Medication Form" signed by both the parent and doctor. This rule will be strictly adhered to. Over the Counter Medications are still classified as medications and fall under the same rules as listed above. Students caught with medications that are not on file in the nurse's office can face disciplinary action. If you have any questions please talk to the school nurse or school administrators before you send your child to school with medications. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all our students. Students taking medication that was bought for or

prescribed for another student is very dangerous. Therefore it is our goal to maintain accountability of all medications brought on school campus. We ask for your support in this matter.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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SICK CHILD POLICY

If your child has been diagnosed with ANY Communicable infections, please notify the school nurse.

A child with a fever of 100 degrees or above must stay at home. If a child develops a fever of 100 degrees or above during the day, she or he will be sent home.

A child who has vomited within the last 24 hours must stay at home. A child who becomes sick and vomits during the day will be sent home.

A child may return to school after they have been free from fever for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Motrin or any other antipyretics.

A child with uncontrollable diarrhea, (3-4 stools per hour) needs to stay at home.

A child diagnosed with Strep Throat must have been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.

A child diagnosed with bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye) must have medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Children with viral conjunctivitis must have a doctor's release/report before returning to school.

In order for a child diagnosed with chickenpox to return to school, the lesions must be crusted over, fading and or disappearing 24 hours prior to return to school. The child must be free of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.

A child diagnosed with ringworm must be treated for 24 hours before returning to school and the affected area kept covered until healed.

A child with impetigo must be free of weeping lesions. The lesions must be covered and medically treated for 24 hours before returning to school.

A child with head lice must have been treated with a medicated shampoo and be seen by the nurse before returning to school.

A child must feel well enough to participate in school.

A sick child will remain in the Health Room until he or she is picked up by a parent or guardian when he or she has a condition that may be considered contagious and easily passed from child to child. Decision is left up to the discretion of the Nurse.

Please contact the Health Room at 910-907-0309 if there are any questions about this policy.

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