

Wednesday, September 09, 2015

CKRS NURSE INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Parents,

We have a few reminders and requests that will hopefully help to minimize the need for individual notes sent home. In the spring a number of referrals for vision, hearing and scoliosis were sent out. At this time, there are several that have not been returned. We urge you to please have these referrals followed up by your physician and return the forms to school in order for the information to be documented on your child's health record.

There are a few students who still have not turned in their physical forms from last year that need to be returned as soon as possible. We appreciate all those who returned the forms and referrals in a timely fashion last year, as it eliminates the time consuming task of preparing and sending out individual reminders. Current 6th graders are recommended to have a physical this year. Anyone needing forms, please contact the nurse's office.

In the spring, all parents of incoming 6th graders were notified of the new 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, and your student will be excluded from school if these requirements have not been met.

We 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 the nurse's office. Also, any time your child incurs any serious injuries throughout the year, please send in a doctor's note so the school health record can be updated. **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE BE MADE AWARE OF ANY CHILD WITH A SERIOUS ALLERGY CONDITION SUCH AS ASTHMA, BEE OR INSECT STINGS, PEANUTS, etc. AND THE TREATMENT NEEDED IN ORDER FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE TO BE GIVEN IN THE EVENT OF SUCH A PROBLEM.** Please be sure those students who need inhalers have them available at all times with the proper paperwork completed. Those students who received Asthma and/or Epi-Pen forms for the current school year need to return them completed.

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 Chicken Pox, Fifth's Disease, head lice, impetigo, pink-eye, or ringworm. Students returning to school should be checked by the school nurse prior to entering the classroom. For any contagious condition, a doctor's note is required for the child to return to school. In addition, please keep your children home until they have been fever free for **24 hours, and if your child has been absent for three consecutive days, a doctor's note is required to return to school.**

One last important reminder concerns the dispensing of medications in school. **MEDICATION CAN ONLY BE GIVEN WITH A SIGNED FORM BY YOUR PHYSICIAN AND 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 is in the original pharmacy container, a physician's signature is not required. We are sorry but there can be no exceptions unless you as a parent come in to administer it. Please call us if you need a medication form.

We are 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. Please call if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Schroth
Ms. Wells
School Nurses

Please fill out the below form and return:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Allergies: _____

Injuries/Surgeries: _____

Other Health Concerns: _____