



Troup County Schools Health Services

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CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

While childhood cancer is rare, it is the leading cause of disease-related death past infancy in children and adolescents. Every September, advocacy organizations, healthcare institutions, patients, and families raise awareness for childhood cancer.

Each year in the United States approximately 15,780 children between the ages of birth and 19 years of age are diagnosed with cancer.

Many childhood cancers have much higher survival rates when they are diagnosed in the early stages of the disease.

Unfortunately, childhood cancers are sometimes overlooked or misdiagnosed because early symptoms are mistakenly attributed to more common injuries or illnesses. It is recommended that children have regular medical check-ups, and that parents pay close attention to the development of unusual signs or chronic symptoms, such as:

- Persistent fever, nausea, or illness, often accompanied by vomiting
- Tendency to bruise easily
- Unusual lump or swelling (particularly around the neck, abdomen, chest, pelvis, or armpits)
- Loss of energy and pale complexion

In September we also observe:

National Suicide Prevention



**National Sickle Cell
Awareness Month**

National Self Awareness



More Information:

Visit: acco.org

Visit:
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

- Headaches, often with early morning vomiting
- Lingering pain in one area of the body
- Abrupt vision changes
- A whitish color behind the pupil
- Sudden weight loss
- Limping

If your child has been diagnosed with cancer, you may feel understandably overwhelmed and anxious—the American Cancer Society's publication *Children With Cancer: Dealing With Diagnosis* offers practical insights and ideas to help your family cope and move forward after the diagnosis is made. It is important to remember that you are not alone in this fight, and that there are many resources and support networks you can reach out to for help during this difficult time.

On September 30, 2022 the TCSS is asking all students and staff to GO GOLD for childhood cancer!!!



School Nurses

Cynthia Walston RN (HES)

Norma Fannin LPN (BWE)

Jennifer Hammock LPN (LCE)

Teri Ogles LPN (HCE)

Maxine Copeland RN (CES)

Sherrie Smith LPN (CVES)

Margaret Franklin RN (HHE)

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