



SPRING 2024 HEALTH NOTES

With the school year coming to an end, I would like to remind you of a few important things.

SCREENING FOLLOW UP: During the school year, children were screened for **hearing and vision, and color vision deficiency**. If your child was referred in any of these areas, I sent a letter and accompanying form to you. Please return this form or call me so we can complete the records to help you plan to get the needed services.

LEFTOVER MEDICATIONS: We are making plans to close the health office June 5th in preparation for summer vacation. This includes ensuring that the medication your child has left will get home safely. Please make arrangements to **pick up the medication at school**. If you are unable to pick up your child's medication, please let us know and we can send it home with them, in a secure manner. However, **"Controlled Medications" will not be sent home with your child**.

SEASONAL ALLERGIES: Spring is the time of year we normally think of when it comes to seasonal allergies. As the trees start to bloom and the pollen gets airborne, allergy sufferers begin sniffing and sneezing. For children with symptoms that are difficult to control, doctors will often give your child an allergy test to learn the exact cause of the allergy. Your doctor will recommend a special treatment based on those results. Over-the-counter, generic allergy medication is effective for many people and can cost less than prescription allergy medications.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS: Children entering Kindergarten must have the following immunizations before they begin, allowing for certain legal exemptions: DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis), IPV (Polio), HBV (Hepatitis B), MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), Varicella (Chicken Pox). If your child had the chicken pox disease, please let me know the date this occurred. All immunizations we have at the elementary school level follow your child into middle school so there is no need to provide documentation again. However, **for 7th grade, students will need a Tdap (Tetanus) booster**, allowing for certain legal exemptions also.

Please call me for any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

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