****IMMUNIZATION REMINDER****

Friendly reminder to parents to make sure your child is up-to-date on their immunizations prior to the first day of school. The state law requires all students in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases to protect the health of the children and our community.

Please contact your child's health care provider, local health department, or pharmacy, if your child is lacking any required immunizations. Please refer to the **Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students in Grades K-12** at <u>https://dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school</u> to determine which required vaccines your child will need. If you're unable to access this document online, there will be hard copies of this document in the front office at every campus.

Please be prepared, <u>no later than the first day of school</u>, to provide proof of updated immunizations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption. You can request an affidavit for conscientious exemption online at <u>https://co-request.dshs.texas.gov/</u>.

Affidavits must be notarized, and are valid for 2 years from the date it was notarized.

If your child has already received the required immunizations, please provide proof of the immunization(s) to your child's school, so their records can be updated accordingly.

Flu vaccines will be available at all of our local pharmacies in Whitney- Walgreens in Brookshires, Eubank Drug, and Prescription Pharmacy.

If there are any concerns, please contact your child's health care provider. For additional information about any of the required immunizations, you can visit the Department of State Health Services Immunization Unit at <u>www.ImmunizeTexas.com</u>. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school and ask to speak to the school nurse.

Sincerely,

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