

Important Health Information: Please Keep for Future Reference

+From the Desk of the School Nurse+



Dear Prairie Hill Parents,

Greetings from the Prairie Hill Health Office! Welcome to all new and returning families. As your school nurse I enjoy the very special privilege of caring for your children. **Please take just a few moments to note some very important information that will help me provide the best care and service to your family.** Thank you.



Medication: I am happy to assist students who need medications at school, and request that all medications be brought to school by a **parent, guardian or designated adult.** Please do not send medication with your child for reasons of safety. Medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, will require written consent and dosage instructions by a parent or guardian as well as a doctor's signature. These forms are kept in the Nurse's office. Please be aware that Illinois law does not permit the school to dispense nonprescription medications. Drugs such as Tylenol (Acetaminophen), Advil (Ibuprofen), cough syrups, ect., need to be supplied by the parent with the same packaging it was purchased in and with the student's name on the bottle.

First Aid for Illness and Injury: We make every effort to safeguard your child's health at school. In the event of a serious medical emergency, you will be contacted immediately. When a parent, guardian, or an emergency contact can not be reached, the student will be transported by ambulance to the appropriate medical center you have requested on the emergency card, accompanied by the nurse. **To ensure optimal care, it is important to update us continually with new phone numbers, changes in your child's health, new medications, dosage changes, or anything else that impacts your child's well-being here at school.**



Health Screening: Vision and hearing screening is performed on all kindergarteners, first, second, third, and eighth graders as well as any new students and all students participating in the special education programs in accordance with Illinois guidelines. Additionally, any students showing signs of vision or hearing difficulties in any grade may be screened to rule out a problem. Please don't hesitate to call me if you would like your child screened. If a problem is found to exist, you will be notified and referred on for further evaluation if needed.

Control of Communicable Diseases and Illnesses: Your child's good health is important to me! Good hygiene and health is taught and encouraged throughout the year. Periodically, I will send home information about what may be "going around", and will share tips to keep your family healthy. Please call or see me whenever you are uncertain about whether to send your child to school. **For example, it is vital that students with a fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit and greater stay home and rest. They must be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.** If you are not sure about the immunization requirements, dental requirements, attendance and medication policies, please ask and you will be given this information. Your child's agenda also has this information listed in it.



You are encouraged to share any concerns or problems relevant to your child's health. If you have any questions or would like to meet with me, please do not hesitate to call me at 389-2791. The Health Office hours are from 08:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Best wishes for a fantastic school year,

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