**Notes from the Nurse:** Annette Redguard - 215 400 7810 Rm 107

**Immunization:**

The School District has not started but is moving towards ‘excluding’ student not properly immunized. This does apply to students with exemptions. If we have any outbreaks students who are not in compliance including exempt students will NOT be allowed to attend school for up to 30days or until the outbreak is cleared.

New guidelines for following were put in place starting with the 2017 school year. Medical providers are aware of the **schedule/timing** for vaccinating students, it is not new.

**Q:** I have given you all of my child’s records why do you keep asking for immunization records/dates:

**A:** In order for vaccinations to be accepted a few criteria need to be met, examples are

* 4 doses of Dtap and Polio are required. The 4th dose is to be given *after* the age of 4. If given more than 4 days before the 4th birthday they are considered ‘Not Valid’. This is not My rule but PA Law.
* MMR and Chickenpox vaccines, the first of (2) doses are to be given after age 1

**6th and 7th grade students**

* Need (1) dose of Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines. They will need a second dose of Meningococcal in high school. The school nurse will give you instruction.

**Medication in School:**

**The health room only has Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and Ibuprofen. If your child requires additional meds, you will need to send them in. Students who can demonstrate proper use of their medication can carry their inhalers with them. They should let the Nurse know if they need to use it.**

**No medication** will be accepted without the accompanying ‘signed’ instruction/action plan/order from the prescribing provider. Please do not send in medication with no paperwork, it will have to be returned to you. All of the major providers have their own medication form that can accepted as long as it on letterhead and signed. This also applies to ‘over the counter meds’ (hydrocortisone etc)

Please do not hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss this.

**Dental visit: THANK YOU, to everyone who has already sent in their consents!!**

The School Dentist is coming November 20th. New consents will be going out soon. Even if your child was already seen by Smile Dentist, you will need to complete a new consent. You can also complete the form online at [**www.MySchoolDentist.com**](http://bulkmail.focusos.com/wf/click?upn=ILxAw97d4W5ioAzeWei15QPrFerfBQYewwjHOYMb2zeLLPU6pcOjHkFzEUZAmZWn_4PlHoUqcYqznvbQscpNlkLl3IWTSk6ofTKZRn3zryEs-2B3CQyYaXwdiBW-2BKdLvshS5RNTJ-2FFNhjQyjkIqzQSEu13DJaJxYTjR651J-2BXhmSoQKGyaeaYXK0inilB-2BLkjp0hVyG6JAJGF5UfjGNPyaf7yUdZAxtzVLPviRSmpgFr-2BlBkFzfKXre1wl-2B02JzNx6gSwMayEM7WBp5lvuYoXkFocTWDV5n-2FFlbYsvm5HVKo-2B2AcuNV4aScoGqFPshnJgElrfJSTwnWdbgDUzClXvBr99Pt3AP60TbPMQzpNJZNAruN-2BHIkboeGKLs-2F5ucV79KJ) **.** You can also call; the number is **888.833.8441.** If your child’s last dental visit was completed after May 20th most insurances will not cover visits with a less 6-month window. Please go to the site to see all of the services that they offer. Our student’s do very well at these visits. There is no crying the staff is very gentle.

**Submitting student records:** (physicals, dental and/or immunization)

Please keep a copy of these records for yourselves, unfortunately, records can and do get lost. We do our best to not let this happen but the best practice is to keep a copy of everything. Also please make sure that if there are any loose forms that they have your student’s name on them. If pages get separated no assumptions can be made as to who they belong to.

**Special Information for Grades 6 – 8 but all grades can participate:**

**\*\***Vision screening has been completed for grades 6-8 if your child requires further testing a referral will be sent home, within the next week, with your student. Please ask them for it.

**\*\*FREE EYECARE & EYEGLASSES WALK IN ONLY**

**NOV 17 @ Jefferson Alumni Hall 10th & Locust 8:30 – 1:00p**

* November 17th is Give Kids Sight Day. Children 17years and under who have not had or have not passed an eye screening are encouraged to attend!
* Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
* No health insurance, No Problem! ALL CHILDREN are welcome
* Please arrive early to allow for a few fun filled hours!!

**For more information**: [www.pccy.org/sightday](http://www.pccy.org/sightday) **Email**: [gksd@pccy.org](mailto:gksd@pccy.org)

**Ph:** 215 563 5848 ext 21

**Give Kids Sight Day is presented by:**

* Wills Eye Hospital
* Eagles Charitable Foundation
* School District of Phila
* Essilor vision foundation
* Phila Health Partnership
* PCCY

\*\*If you participate in this day please send in a copy of the report to the School Nurse.