

April 19, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have enjoyed helping to care for the health needs of your children this year! I want to inform you all that I have to have knee surgery and will be gone on medical leave starting April 25 for most likely the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly and will work through any concerns.

There are many things to think about as we approach the last weeks of school. Here are just a few reminders from the clinic:

Medications Pick up- You will need to come and pick up all medications by the last day of School. This includes all prescription and over the counter medications. If they are not pick up by the end of the year we will properly dispose of them as we can not have them stored over summer.

New Health Forms/Meds for the 2024-25 School Year - With each new school year, it is necessary to update your child's Health Forms in the school clinic. All students with medical conditions (Asthma, Allergies, Seizures) must submit new health care plans each school year. The forms must be completed, signed by **parent** and **physician**, <u>dated after June 1, 2024</u>, and turned in to the School Nurse when school resumes in August. Please see the school website for an updated form.

If you plan to bring medications to the clinic next year, you must complete a consent for administration of medication form with each medication turned into the clinic. If the medicine is over the counter, only a parent's signature is required.

If you would like for your student to carry emergency medication, such as an inhaler, epi-pen, or glucagon/diabetes supplies, the physician must indicate on both the Care Plan and the Authorization for Students to Carry form that the student is trained and capable of carrying and self-administering the listed medication. The Authorization for Students to Carry form requires physician, student, and parent signatures.

All necessary Health Forms can be found at the link below and on the school website under district tab and then document & forms.

**If you have a student who is entering <u>kindergarten</u> or <u>7th grade</u>, please call your health provider or our local health department at 906-265-9913 to schedule an appointment. You will not be allowed to start school without these immunizations or valid waiver from the health department. The waiver needs to be up to date, please call the health department for an appointment. This needs to be completed before we start school in August.

Sincerely,

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