

Nurse's Notes

Special points of interest:

- Medications Going Home-Last Day of School
- Illnesses at School
- Medication Policy
- Student Illness Policy

Health Room Updates



Medications will be sent home with your child on the last day of school. Please contact me if you would like to make other arrangements for your child's medication. Also, all medication orders for 2008-09 are **terminated at the end of this school year**. All medication orders **must be renewed** for the 2009-10 school year. I will send a new **Authorization for**

Medication to be Administered form. This form must be signed & dated by your physician no earlier than **August 1st, 2009**.

Health Room Visits:

STREP THROAT has been our primary illness in April. Besides sore throat & fever, other symptoms include headache, stomachache, white patches on tonsils & can even be fever-free.

Vomiting &/or Diarrhea have also been going around.

SWINE INFLUENZA!
See Page 2 of this Newsletter for more info.

**SNORT,
SNIFFLE,
SNEEZE!**
NO ANTIBIOTICS PLEASE!
Antibiotics **DON'T** fight viral infections like colds & flu.
GET SMART ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS
www.cdc.gov

Medication & Illness Exclusion Policies

ALL MEDICATIONS must have a written physicians order for me to give them at school. This includes **Over the Counter** medications as well. The only exceptions to this policy are Tylenol and Ibuprofen, which can be given with a signed parent consent form.

Illness:
Student's who have a temperature greater than **100** degrees must stay home until they are **FEVER FREE for 24 HOURS**. The same holds true for **VOMITING and DIARRHEA**, even if they only have one episode. Certain infections require 24 hours of antibiotic therapy before returning to school as well (for example strep and pink-

eye). This district policy helps reduce the spread of illnesses. Please contact me with any questions regarding this policy. If your child has had any health changes or started new medications since the start of school, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me at 780-7610 or lbishoppc@olatheschools.com

Six Things Every Kansan Should Know About Swine Flu

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By now you are probably aware that an outbreak of swine flu has occurred in Mexico, with a few cases now being reported in the United States. You may be alarmed by what you have heard, or you may be wondering why public health authorities are so concerned.

Many of you are asking good questions about swine flu. At this early stage in the outbreak, some questions don't yet have reliable answers. As each day passes we are learning more, and we are becoming more certain about the advice we give.

As of today, here is what we know:

1. **This is a new virus, never before recognized in the United States or anywhere in the world.** The new virus contains genetic pieces from flu viruses that infect pigs, birds and humans. It appears able to spread among humans like the familiar human flu viruses that circulate in our communities every winter. Because this virus is new, we believe that no one has natural immunity against it. Immunization with the seasonal flu vaccine is not likely to offer protection.
2. **Disease caused by the swine flu virus appears to be mild so far.** Among the confirmed cases in the United States, only one has required hospitalization. All have recovered, or are now showing signs of recovery. The ability of the virus to cause serious disease may change over time, or it may infect people who are less able to resist it effectively. There are reports of deaths associated with swine flu infections in Mexico.

JUST RUN!®

JUST RUN!® Has logged 4,902 miles this year! We have also logged 1,046 Just Deeds! Way to go!

Facts: 54 students currently enrolled. 2nd & 3rd graders have completed 3,307 miles & 650 deeds. 4th—6th graders have completed 1,595 miles & 396 deeds.

Important Dates to Remember

May 2nd is the Olathe Heart & Sole 5K in downtown Olathe. We have **70** Just Run members, students, faculty & parents representing Prairie Center! I am so proud of all of the kids that have worked so hard this year! It has been an amazing year!

May 5th is the **LAST DAY** of **JUST RUN!**

May 8th is our annual fundraiser: **RUN WITH THE PRINCIPAL!** Students can purchase a ribbon for \$1 & be able to run with Ms. Browning at the designated time for each grade. JUST RUN members will assist during this time & have a picnic with Ms Browning, Miss Embry & myself. JUST RUN members must have earned their t-shirt (50 miles & 26 deeds logged) to help out.