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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH CLERK

Welcome everyone to the new school year! I just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of a few things and offer some ideas to help the students get through the school year as healthy as possible.

Let's begin with medication. First and foremost, ALL MEDICATION (including cough drop/throat lozenge) IS TO BE KEPT IN THE FIRST AID ROOM AT ALL TIMES AND NOT IN THE STUDENT'S POSSESSION OR IN THEIR LOCKER. In order for me to administer any medication a Medication Administration Consent Form must be completed. Your child can pick up a form in the First Aid Room or you can print a copy from the Gray Middle School website – (www.gms.boone.ky12.ky.us, click on Parent Resources, and scroll down to Medication Consent.) A doctor's signature is required for GMS to administer ANY AND ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE. **Boone County Board Policy states that GMS can only store a week supply of PRESCRIPTION meds at a time. I will send home the empty containers with the student for you to refill.**

If your child has asthma and uses an inhaler for treatment, the inhaler must be kept in the First Aid Room unless you and your doctor have signed a permission to carry medication form. This is in accordance to Boone County Board Policy.

If medicine, such as Tylenol, Advil/Ibuprofen, etc. is needed at school, it is required that all medicine come to school in its original container (small bottles are appreciated) along with a complete Medication Administration Consent Form. I can then keep the medicine on file so that it is available when your son/daughter needs it. If the medication is an over the counter medicine, a doctor's signature is not required on the Medication Administration Consent Form.

It is mandatory to have a current Kentucky Immunization Certificate on file. A letter is mailed home one month prior to the expiration date of your child's Immunization Certificate in order to give you time to set up an appointment with your child's doctor and obtain a new certificate. **If a new certificate is not received by the date stated, your child will not be permitted in school until one is sent in. This will be considered as an unexcused absence.**

PHYSICALS AND SPORTS PHYSICALS - Upon entering 6th grade you must have a health physical; KDE requires that this exam shall be reported on the Preventative Health Care Exam Form, not an Athletic Examination form. Also, in order to tryout/participate in a GMS sanctioned sport/activity, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, Dance Team, or any sports for Gray/Ryle, your child will need to have a current KHSAA Athletic Physical on file. The KHSAA Athletic Physical form can be downloaded from the Gray Middle School website (www.gms.boone.ky12.ky.us, click on Parent Resources, and scroll down to Athletic Consent Form.) You can also download the form on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org, under General tab, click on general forms, then go to GE4. All physicals are good for one calendar year. If your son or daughter should happen to need a copy to give to their coach, I will be happy to make a copy.

And lastly, we can always expect the unexpected! I have found it to be extremely beneficial for students to have a change of clothes (pants, underwear, t-shirt) kept in a plastic "Kroger" bag and shoved into the back of their locker. They'll forget about it UNTIL they need it! It is also a good idea to have contact solution and a pair of eyeglasses available for those students who wear contacts.

Hope the school year is healthy for everyone!

P.S. Boone County Schools are not permitted to offer crackers, mints/hard candy etc. anymore for upset stomachs, etc.!

Lisa Torline, GMS Health Clerk, 384-5333 x 104

Boone County Schools
Student Services Division
School Health Services Department

To: Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade Students
From: School Health Services
RE: Health Requirements for entry into 6th Grade

Date:

Students entering 6th grade in any school in Kentucky are required to have the following documents on file at their school:


- A physical exam done within a year of the start of the 6th grade school year by an MD, Physician Assistant, ARNP or an EPSDT-trained health care provider. KDE requires that this exam shall be reported on the Preventative Health Care Exam Form, not an Athletic Examination form. This form is available from your health department, health care provider, on-line on the Boone County School's website under Parent Resources/Enrollment Forms or at all middle schools.

- A complete immunization certificate. This should include:
 - 4 to 5 doses of DTaP vaccine;
 - 3 or 4 doses of polio vaccine;
 - 2 doses of MMR vaccine;
 - a Hepatitis B vaccine series (2 or 3 doses) ;
 - 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine;
 - 1 dose of the meningococcal vaccine (MCV) -- important in the prevention of meningitis
 - Tdap vaccine: the law requires that every child between the ages of 11-12 years receive a Tdap booster (previously a Td booster) regardless of the timeframe from their last tetanus containing vaccine.

It is important to schedule appointments with your health care provider or health department immediately. Students whose shot records are not up-to-date are not permitted to continue regular school attendance and may miss valuable class instruction time.

State Law, Kentucky Revised Statute KRS 158.035, requires each student to have a valid immunization certificate on file in order to attend school.

Please feel free to take this letter with you to your health care provider and discuss these requirements. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school at 384-5333 or the School District Health Services Department at 859-334-4478. We appreciate your immediate attention to this health-related matter.

Thank You,


School Nurse