



From the Nurse's Office

Welcome Back!!!

2010 - 2011 School Year

To All Parents and Guardians:

We are all excited to start a new educational and healthy year in our new school! The nurses have devised this letter to inform parents/guardians of PCA's policies regarding our nurse's office to open lines of communication and become more effective in treating your child through team work.

We can not stress enough how important it is to have immediate medical information and medications on hand if your child has any medical condition that might require neb treatments, inhalers, allergies, diabetics, seizures, etc. Please contact us at once to share information and treatment of your child. We can and do administer medications at school and below you will find information on state procedures of doing so. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us. We are just a phone call away and are more than happy to assist you in medically treating your child.

At the start of the new school year we have numerous tasks and forms to complete for children who require medications during the school year. All over the counter medications that need to be administered at school must be in the original bottle, sealed. Prescriptions must be in original bottle from pharmacy with updated doctors prescribed orders on prescription bottle. Parents/Guardians must walk in the medication to the nurses and complete paperwork for medication to be left at school. Refills thereafter still must be walked into the school by the parent/guardian for safety of other students and completion of additional paperwork. Asthma students must have nebulizer medication and or inhalers at school for emergency use even in slight cases. All students that have the following must have an Emergency Care Plan completed by his/her physician. These are food and bee allergies, seizures, asthma, etc. Students with allergies to food/bees must also have an Epi-Pen at school, if one is prescribed, along with Emergency Care Plans completed by physician.

We have placed blank forms for Asthma Care Plan, Emergency Care Plan, Permission to Carry Inhaler, Consent to Administer Meds at School, and the State Physical Form on the PCA website in the Parent section for you to print and have completed before the start of school. (providencecreekacademy.org)

All students entering PCA for the first time including from other State of Delaware schools must have provided the nurses with a copy of all up to date immunizations, physical and TB documentation before the first day of school to start PCA as scheduled.

Emergency cards are to be completed by parents/guardians every year. Each student must have their own emergency card per state regulations. If numbers change throughout the year please call and update us on your current numbers. It is important to be able to reach you quickly should an emergency situation occur. Please remember to complete front and back of the cards. Your child will be administered over the counter medications per your permission on the back of the emergency card. Also when completing emergency contact discuss with your contact if he/she is available and willing to pick up your child due to illness or injury.

Please choose contacts that are readily available and in state. It is important to complete emergency cards as soon as possible. Again this year we will have an “Emergency Card Contest” with class prizes for the first class who completes them all. This is a fun way for us to initiate getting the cards in a timely manner.

Our Nurse Policy for Ill Students Are As Follows:

Children with 100 degree temperatures and over are sent home at once. Fever relief will be administered per parent permission on the emergency card.

GI upset with no temp is usually handled with anti-acid. GI upset with vomiting the student is sent home at once. The only exception would be a medical condition with physician documentation.

Lice Exposure/Nits is immediate exclusion from school. Students cannot return until checked by the nurse for any presence of lice or nits. Students must be nit free to return to school. At times this is a very frustrating experience but we feel it is necessary to stop the spread to other students and staff. Head checks of classrooms are performed once there is a classroom exposure to help identify additional unknown cases. Call the nurse’s in the a.m. if you find any of the above at home on your child. Many parents have found success with fairytale hair care preventative. The web site is fairytalehaircare.com.

We require our students to be symptom free 24 hours after an illness before returning to school. This helps keep virus/cold exposure to other students and staff at a minimum.

*At times children do soil or rip their clothing. Thanks to parents and guardians who donate outgrown uniforms we usually have clothes for them to wear home. Please return these items washed as soon as possible so they are available for other students. If you child has ongoing bathroom issues please put a supply of his/her clothing in their book bag for personal use. A physician’s note is required for medical conditions. Parents will be called for ongoing bathroom issues to assist changing of clothing when necessary. **Children out of uniform will not be given change of clothing. This will be handled as an in infraction and will result in a write up by the teacher.***

Providence Creek Nurses