



MOON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Families,

On behalf of the elementary school nurses, we welcome you and your child into the Moon Area School District. Please note that the following requirements have been established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for students entering school for the first time.

Immunizations must be up-to-date and signed by a physician.

- All Kindergarten students and any students new to Pennsylvania must have a complete **physical examination** by their doctor by **September 30**.
- All Kindergarten students and any students new to Pennsylvania must have a complete **dental examination** by their dentist by **September 30**.

We recommend these examinations be done by your family doctor and dentist since they can best evaluate your child's health. If you do not have access to a private physician and/or dentist, you may choose to have your child examined by the school physician and/or dentist. You will be notified of the exam date.

Lead Testing

- **The Allegheny County Health Department now requires parents to report information about the completion of lead testing. If your child has not had lead testing complete, please contact your child's physician.**

During the school year, the nurse will:

- Check your child's
 - Height and weight
 - Vision (1st grade students will be examined by the school eye doctor)
 - Hearing (K/1 entry into school and 3rd grade)
- Notify parents of screening results
- Review your child's record (health conditions)
- Inform teachers/staff of your child's health needs (confidentially)
- Administer first aid/care
- Notify parents of serious illnesses or injuries that occur during the school day
- Administer medications (if required during the school day) in accordance with the Moon Area School District's Medication Policy. If your child requires medication to be given in school, you must first contact the school nurse to discuss procedure. **Nurses and teachers must be called before any scheduled field trips, if medication is needed.**

NOTE: TEACHERS DO NOT ADMINISTER MEDICATIONS OR GIVE FIRST AID.

The school nurse is an integral part of your child's school experience. It is important that you contact us with any concerns and to offer information about your child's health. Also, please remember to contact the secretary and/or nurse of any changes in the phone numbers at home or at work to be listed on your child's emergency card at school. In case of an emergency requiring a trip to the doctor or hospital, a parent or guardian must give consent for treatment.

Wishing a healthy year to you and your child,

The Elementary School Nurses

