

HAWTHORNE CEDAR KNOLLS UFSD

226 Linda Avenue – Hawthorne – New York - 10532

6/20/16

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the **2016/2017** school year. Please be aware of the following **medical requirements** for school attendance:

- **All returning students** who are **entering or remaining in grades 2, 4, 7 and 10 must provide documentation of a physical exam as required by NYS law.** This is the minimum requirement. **This year we will also be requesting a dental certificate.** I strongly encourage you to take your child for a physical exam each year. **Physicians must provide a BMI (body mass index) assessment as part of the physical exam including BMI and BMI percentile.** BMI is calculated using height and weight. It does not require any special test or procedure.
- All students who were born on or after January 1, 1994, or are 11 years old and entering 6th grade through 12th grade are **required** to have a **Tdap** (Pertussis containing) vaccine. Students in 1st through 7th grade will also have changes in the requirement for DTP/DTaP vaccine Please check with your health care provider who will know what is needed. Continuing this year (2016/17) there are also changes to requirements for the **Varicella (chickenpox)** vaccine and the **Polio vaccine.** All students in 6th grade will be required to have 2 doses of the Varicella vaccine and 3 to 4 doses of polio vaccine (the last dose must have been given at 4 years old or older). Please speak with your medical provider to find out if your child's immunizations meet these requirements. **There is also a new requirement this year for all students entering 7th and 12th grade. All students going into 7th grade must have proof of a meningococcal vaccine and students entering 12th grade must have 2 meningococcal vaccines.**
- ***Any child who requires medication during the school day must have both a physician's order and signed parental consent on the file with the school. This requirement applies to both prescription medications, and over the counter medications, such as Tylenol and Advil. These orders must be renewed on a yearly basis. Enclosed, you will find a form to have completed by your primary health care provider. Remember that no students are allowed to carry medications on their person. All medications must be hand-delivered by an adult or sent to the school nurse by mail. We will be happy to provide you with a self-addressed stamped envelope at your request.***
- **If you are the parent or guardian of a returning student, please make sure that you inform me of any changes in the student's health status. This includes new allergies, new medical conditions and changes in medications. Please also take the time to update the emergency contact information that we have on file. ENCLOSED IS A NEW EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM. Please make sure it is filled out and returned to school.**

During the upcoming school year I will provide the following health screenings for your child:

- **Eye and ear exams** will be done for all **all students in grades 3, 5, 7, and 10.** {If your child requires glasses, please make sure that he or she has them available during the school day.} If there are abnormal findings, you will be notified in writing and by phone.
- **Scoliosis screening** will be done for all students in grades 5 through 9. {You will be informed prior to this screening and may choose to have it done by your health care provider as a part of a regular physical exam.}

I look forward to working with your child this year. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. The Health Office number is 914-749-2936.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia Andreu RN, BSN