

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO PARENTS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Students are not permitted to transport medications. Medications must be kept in the nurse's or principal's office.

All medications, both prescription and non-prescription, must have signed ***parent and physician permission***. This includes Ibuprofen, Tylenol, cough drops, creams, and ointments.

All medications must be in their original, properly labeled containers and include the prescription label for all prescription medications. Unlabeled medication will not be given at school.

HEALTH ROOM

The purpose of the Health Room is to evaluate the condition of children who become ill in school and to give immediate first aid for injuries that occur ***during*** school hours.

The school nurse does ***not*** have the authority to diagnose, treat or prescribe medications for injuries that occur beyond school hours.

Any request to change dressings, rewrap Ace bandages, etc. that have been applied by the parent or doctor must be accompanied by a signed note from the parent/guardian, or a written order from the doctor.

LICE

Lice is a common problem in elementary schools. Please check your child's hair periodically, especially around the ears and nape of the neck.

If your child is sent home with lice, shampoo the hair with the appropriate shampoo and remove all nits (eggs). The child will not be readmitted to school until ***all*** nits have been removed.

Teach your child to avoid sharing combs, hair bands, hats, etc. with other classmates.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Please be sure that the school has several alternate persons who may be reached during the school day in the event of an emergency, illness or accident. It is also necessary for the school to be notified of changes in home, cell, or emergency phone numbers as soon as they occur.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a special condition, please be sure that the school nurse is aware of it. This information will be kept confidential, but the school nurse needs to know the condition of your child in order to provide the best possible care.