

April 2023

Dear incoming kindergarten parents,

Welcome to Willow Creek Elementary! We want you and your child's transition to elementary school to be as smooth as possible so we have put together important information on clinic procedures. There is a full-time registered nurse at Willow Creek during school hours. **If you are registered to attend Willow Creek you will be required to complete the online registration process after July 1, 2023 and before school starts on August 14, 2023.** At that time, you will complete the Health Conditions and Health Medication screens. These will inform us of any medical conditions your child may have such as allergic reactions or asthma.

Immunizations: Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools to be vaccinated against certain diseases unless they have a certificate of medical or nonmedical exemption on file. (SB20-163).

Most kindergarteners will not receive their 5-year-old immunizations until after you have registered with Cherry Creek School District. **Please bring an updated copy of immunizations to Willow Creek's registration day** (scheduled prior to the first day of school). The State of Colorado requires that students be fully immunized by the first day of school unless they have a late birthday or other extenuating circumstances. Please check with the nurse if this applies to your child!

Toileting/Change of Clothes: It is the expectation for all incoming Kindergarten students to be fully toilet trained. We know accidents happen, so if your student may need a change of clothes, please keep a bag in your child's backpack with a clean set of clothes (shirt, pants, shorts, socks, and/or shoes) and other supplies they prefer (i.e., wipes). Another helpful hint: most toilets at the elementary school have an automatic flush, so it helps exposing them to this prior to the start of school.

Medical Concerns: Please make sure you notify the nurse of any medical concerns including allergies (other than seasonal). This information is confidential and helps us keep your child safe, healthy, and functioning at their optimal learning level. **Please keep us informed of any phone number changes so that we are able to contact you if your child becomes ill or injured at school.** Pay attention to the priority listing of numbers you provide during online registration as we will call in that order.

When to stay at home:

- Fever: any temperature over 100.4 degrees. Your child should stay home and not return to school until fever-free for at least 24 hours **and without fever reducing medications.**
- Vomiting/diarrhea: with or without fever, stay home until symptom free for at least 12 hours.
- Strep throat: must remain at home until on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- Whenever your child is coughing frequently or has not slept.

Medications at school: For prescription medications, such as epi pens and inhalers, or medication taken every day at school during school hours, you will need a form completed and signed by you and your health care provider. You may obtain these forms online or from the clinic. We also need your child's prescription in the original container/box with a pharmacy label on it with current dosing. We are

not able to administer medications without these forms being completed and signed by parent/guardian and the physician and the original container with a label! **For over-the-counter (OTC) medications** (Tylenol, Motrin, etc.) you will be able to give permission in the online registration to be administered per registered nurse assessment. Our clinic keeps a supply of OTC medications for **occasional use**.

Medications may not be taken at school unless administered and monitored by the nurse!! All medications must also be stored in the clinic!

I am available by phone, email, or a clinic visit Monday-Friday during school hours until May 26th so please do not hesitate to contact me!

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