

## Attention Parents: School Health Reminders!

**Fever:** If your child has a temp is **100 degrees F** or higher, he or she should not come to school until **fever-free for 24 hours** without the help of fever-reducing medication.

**Vomiting/Diarrhea:** A child with vomiting and/or diarrhea should not come to school until symptoms have subsided, and the child is able to keep down food and liquids--**ideally at least for 24 hours**.

**Medications:** Parents please be reminded that per RI Rules and Regulations for School Health, **students are not allowed to bring/take any medicine from home to school without special permission as described below:**

**All medication--both prescription AND over the counter--**that needs to be taken during school hours, can ONLY be administered by the school nurse\* and requires a BCA Medication Authorization Form (or similar form from your pediatrician), which needs to be completed and signed by you and your pediatrician. **NOTE: A prescription bottle with the pharmacy label is not the same as a physician's signature, and therefore still requires a Medication Authorization Form.** Keep in mind that the BCA school nurse hours are 10:15-1:15, Monday-Friday. All medication sent to school needs to be supplied by the parents in the original properly labeled container.

**Exception:** Advance parental permission for an age appropriate dose of acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Motrin) or antacid (Tums)\*\* **for grades 6-12 only** if indicated on the BCA Annual Health Update Form (due to a blanket prescription for that from our school district doctor) does not require a Med. Authorization Form. Students in lower school (grades K-5) still need a medication authorization form with physician's signature for Tylenol, Motrin and Tums to be given at school.

Please refer to the full version of our School Health Guidelines for more information.

\*Self-Carry (ex: for inhalers) requires special permission on the Med. Authorization Form

\*\*Certain other medications (ex: topicals) may be given by the school nurse, under the blanket prescription from our school doctor as well.