

## A Message from Elementary School Health Rooms:

The State of Missouri Department of Health guidelines are used in determining the length of time a child should be absent for specific diseases (i.e. chicken pox). For other illnesses (i.e. colds, flu, etc.), the child should be **FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS** before returning to school **WITHOUT** the use of **FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION**, such as medication that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen.

**Illness and Injury:** A student should not be in attendance and will be sent home with any of the following:

- Temperature 100 degrees or greater, or with incidents of vomiting and/or diarrhea. Student may return to school when free of above symptom(s) for 24 hours without any fever reducing medication or other medication to relieve symptom(s).
- Symptoms related to possible communicable diseases (skin rashes, redness of eyes, swollen glands, etc.)
- Excessive drainage from eyes, ears, persistent earache, constant cough; or painful sore throat accompanied by enlarged lymph nodes.
- Students with (or having the potential to transmit) an acute infectious disease or parasite (i.e. Head lice and/or nits).

### **After-School and Evening Events:**

Students and siblings must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at after- school/evening events (i.e., music programs, academic nights, etc.). A student may not attend an after-school/evening event unless the student was in attendance for the full school day on the day of the event. Exceptions may be made to this practice on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the building administrator.

If you have any questions, please contact Mandi Suhr LPN, Health Room Nurse at **816-359-4374**.