



# Welcome to the Nurse's Office!

What does the school nurse do? Here's a glimpse:

- **Maintain health records of all students** – this includes:
  - immunizations - please make sure your child's are up to date ***before*** school starts
  - physical exams - recommended by the district
  - health history – this includes medical diagnoses, surgeries, current medications (given at home as well as school), allergies (seasonal, drug, food, life threatening), and any other pertinent health information about your child
- **Assess and treat illness or injury** – Whether it's a scraped knee, tummy ache, fever, or more serious issue such as allergic reaction, broken bone or concussion - I am the first responder to any medical need.
- **Monitor & treat chronic health conditions** – such as asthma (a nebulizer is available), diabetes, seizure disorders, severe allergies, etc.
- **Administer medication** – The district policy allows medication to be given at school if parent authorization **AND** physician authorization forms are completed. This applies to prescription **AND over-the-counter medication**. These forms are available in my office, as well as on my webpage on the Hanna Woods website.
- **Monitor illness “outbreaks”** – If several students are diagnosed with a communicable illness (such as strep throat, flu), I will send notes home to heighten your awareness of symptoms. Don't forget to call me if your child is diagnosed with a communicable illness!
- **Hearing and vision screenings** – Students in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are screened routinely. However, screenings can be performed **at any time for any student** if a parent or teacher expresses concern.
- **Participate in Care Team, 504, and IEP meetings** as needed – to address and support a student's health issues
- **“Emotional band-aids”** – Sometimes a child is sad, homesick, or overwhelmed in class and just needs some TLC! A little one-on-one attention and a patient, willing ear are often all it takes to help a child rejoin the classroom. I work closely with the counselors and teachers to ensure your child is happy and safe at school! ☺

If you have any questions or concerns please call or e-mail me – I check my phone and e-mail messages upon arrival each morning and throughout the day.

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