

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2016

Good Morning Everyone and Welcome to Randall Carter School!

### Services Provided

I see every child in the school several times throughout the school year. The scheduled times include:

Height & Weight checks in September  
Vision & Hearing screening as required by grade level  
Health Classes in every grade level  
Scoliosis Checks in 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Unscheduled times include the 40+ visits to the health office every day.

### Physicals, Immunizations & Health Concerns

You may have already submitted the proper paperwork but in the cases where information is missing I want to share with you what is needed. The student chart needs 2 separate pieces of information: a copy of **immunizations** and a copy of their most **recent physical**. Most often the physician provides two different pieces of paper so please be sure to send both, but, occasionally they place immunizations and the physical on the same page and that is acceptable. All physicals dated 2015-2016 will be accepted. If your child requires immunizations and does not have a physical scheduled until the Fall, please call me with the date of their office visit. I will be in touch with you if there are any

immunizations your child is required to receive in order to be allowed start school in September.

As I maintain an educational health record on every student, it is important for you to communicate any health issues, concerns and or medications your child takes, in school and out of school. I will chart significant information as needed.

### School Attendance Guidelines

We want your children to attend school every day, however, there are times a child needs to stay home due to illness. If your child has:

A **temperature** of 100 degrees or higher (should be fever free, without Tylenol, Advil, Motrin etc. for 24 hours)

**Rash** of unknown origin – if you do know what the rash is please provide me with a note – preferably from a physician.

**Pink Eye** – need physician note to return

**Diarrhea or Vomiting** – must be able to keep a meal down – If they vomited the night before please do not send them to school. Watching them for 24 hours is required.

**Severe Cough/excessive nasal flow** – especially if they cannot contain their cough or nasal discharge.

**Strep Throat** – Antibiotic must begin 24 hours prior to returning to school. Also, if your child isn't feeling that well, please keep them home one more day. If they aren't well enough to return they may have a relapse.

Any known communicable illnesses such as chicken pox or Fifth's Disease, please keep them home and visit the doctor.

Notes from the physician are required with any contagious disease including pink eye and rashes.

If your child does need to stay home due to illness or personal reason, we require that you call the school. Please call the general number and you will be directed to connect with **extension 70** for the absentee line. Please leave your message on that line. This is an important safety issue as every child must be accounted for. If you write a note to the teacher there is no guarantee I will receive the note – things happen – so please call the school. Teachers assume you will call the “70” absentee line. If you will be travelling at a school non-vacation time, please send a note to the school. This is important, because if you fail to call, I will be calling you and yes, you will hear from me on the beach, airport, etc.

### Student Emergency Information

I have included the online directions on how to complete this information in your packet. Please complete this information at your earliest convenience. I like to have this information for the first day of school in case of any emergencies. Also, remember to call the office with updates of any phone numbers. We ask that you send 2 copies of this sheet to school on the first day.

## Allergies

This is a concern for many parents in our school and in our District. A school wide comprehensive plan is in place. We strive to provide a safe environment for all children attending our schools. We have **Food Free Birthday Parties**. No Food is to be brought to the school to share with other students. Your child's teacher will speak with you about the birthday celebrations in the classroom. Each teacher handles this to best suit the needs of the particular classroom while making your child feel very special.

We have a few "Food" related events during the year and if your child has a food allergy, that I am aware of, I will be in contact with you about food being served.

## Open Door Policy

Most important of all, I want you to please feel free to call me at any time with your questions and concerns. School main number (973-633-3146) and the nurse extension is 12.

Thank you and Welcome to Randall Carter!

SCHOOL NURSE  
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION  
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