

## HEALTH SERVICES

We have a full time school nurse, whose services include administering vision and hearing tests, keeping cumulative health records and assisting the immunization programs.

NO CHILD SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:

- fever, over 100 degrees in the last 24 hours
- sore throat or earache
- diarrhea or vomiting, within past 24 hours
- persistent sore throat with fever or enlarged tonsils or glands
- persistent upset stomach or headaches
- undetermined rash
- reddened, itchy eyes with purulent drainage
- suspected or known head lice (pediculosis)

If you have any questions, please call the school nurse for guidance.

### Dismissal due to illness

- If it is necessary to dismiss a student due to illness, he/she must be accompanied by someone designated by the parent or guardian. An ill child wishing to go home must be excused by the school nurse or designee.
- Students who become ill in school will be sent to the school nurse or the designee for assessment of symptoms. In the absence of the school nurse, students are to report to the office secretary. **The school nurse, administrator, or teacher will contact a parent or their designee before authorizing the student to leave the building because of illness. No student will be allowed to dismiss themselves.**

**MEDICAL NOTICES** – We ask parents and guardians to keep our school nurse informed of any medical conditions affecting their children or which may have an impact on others in the school setting. It may be necessary from time to time to share information about health conditions, so that we may follow our health policies as they pertain to communicable disease prevention and control.

**PRESCRIPTIONS** - The Danville School District recognizes that many children are able to attend regular school because of the effective use of prescribed medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities or illnesses. It is more desirable for medication to be administered in the home; however, any student who is required to take prescribed medication during the regular school day must comply with the following regulations:

- Written orders from a physician for the administration of a prescription drug, which should include name of the student, name of the drug, drug dosage, reason for giving, time of administration, and any significant side effects which should be noted and reported, must be received before medication can be given. A renewal of a long-term medication order is required each school year. New orders are required when any changes in instructions have been made and the school nurse must be notified in writing (new orders). The medications should be in a properly labeled container from a pharmacy or physician.
- Written permission from a parent or guardian of the student requesting that the school district comply with the physician's order must accompany the physician's order.
- Medication must be stored in a locked cabinet in the school nurse's office or some other locked area designated by the school nurse or an administrator.
- Unused medication shall be destroyed or returned to the parent/guardian.

### SHORT TERM NARCOTIC PAIN OR CONTROLLED MEDICATION USE-

Ideally, it would be best for a student to rest and recover from an injury, surgery or other trauma at home until pain can be managed with tylenol or ibuprofen. However, if a student requires pain relief from narcotics or other controlled medications please be aware of the following:

- Narcotics or other controlled substances will not be administered in school- no student should have them in their possession at any time.
- Parent or guardian must make the school aware if they have given their child any narcotic pain reliever or controlled medication. These medications can affect students differently. All teachers and staff that will have direct contact with the student will be notified so that the student can be monitored. If your child is observed to be unsafe, not able to participate in class or not able to tolerate the medication while in school, the parent/ guardian will be notified that the student will need to be picked up.

**NON-PRESCRIPTION** – Non-prescription medications will be administered only after a permission form has been signed by the parent. Permission cannot be given over the phone. All non-prescription medications must be left with the school nurse, or designee. An on-going medication administration request will require written permission from the parent/guardian and shall contain the student's name, medication name, dosage, reason for giving, and time or frequency of administration before the medication can be given.

Medications should be brought to the school nurse by an adult in a properly labeled container from a pharmacy or physician with a written note of explanation, with instructions for administering and a reason for giving that medication. The time of the last dose given at home should also be listed if appropriate.

## Wellness Programs

16 V.S.A. §216 requires the Secretary of Education to prepare and update a list of school and community programs which have the potential to improve childhood wellness and the list is to be made available to all school districts and community organizations that request it.

[http://education.vermont.gov/documents/wellness\\_funding\\_resources.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/wellness_funding_resources.pdf)

## HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- The Danville School website is [www.danvillek12vt.us](http://www.danvillek12vt.us)
- Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/danvilleschoolvt>
- Weekly emails are sent to all parents with upcoming announcements.
- The school calendar including sports, events, etc. is also available to view on the website.

## Guidelines for Communication between Staff and Parents

In order to ensure a successful exchange of information, it is important that all parties follow a few key principles:

### Maintain Respectful and Open Communication

- Always use a respectful and polite tone.
- Bring ideas to the table. Families know their children best and we value your input.
- Be ready to provide information and listen to the observations and perspectives of others.
- Enter the exchange with an open mind and assume a shared best interest for the child.
- Be prepared to work collaboratively to solve problems.

## Confidentiality

- Recognize that confidentiality may limit information that can be shared from school to parents/guardians, including consequences for other students' behaviors or information on other students.

### **Time to Respond to Communications**

- Teachers will make every effort to respond as soon as possible to parent/guardian communications, with the understanding that the teaching day sometimes precludes immediate responses and not all teachers may be able to communicate in the evening.
- Teachers and staff may need some time to collect needed information before responding.

### **Whom to Contact**

- Most communications of classroom concerns should be directed at first to your child's teacher. The school counselor may receive communications regarding non-academic concerns or scheduling.
- If you have an issue with a particular staff member, first try to address those concerns with that staff member directly.
- If you have discussed an issue with your child's teacher, and it has not been addressed to your satisfaction, the Principal or Dean of Students may be contacted.

### **Access to the Superintendent and School Board**

Every effort should be made to work with the staff and administration to address concerns. In the event that the communication with a staff member and the Principal does not address a concern to your satisfaction, then you may contact the Superintendent. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your communication with the Superintendent, then you may ask to be placed on the agenda to speak before the school board.

Please note that parents and community members are always welcome to attend board meetings and offer input.