## A Note from Your School Nurse for School Year 2021-2022

## Parents/Guardian:

If your child needs any kind of treatment that will require medication to be given at school, you will need to have a medication form completed and on file along with a plan of care. All prescription medications require a physician to sign for medications to be given in school including medications such as inhalers or epipens that your child can self-carry. Over-the-counter medications require parent/guardian signature.

Also, a reminder that all incoming 6thgrade students are required to have received Tetanus-Pertussis-Diphtheria (Tdap) vaccine when entering school this fall.

Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed childcares to be vaccinated against certain diseases unless they have a medical or non-medical exemption on file (Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2). You must file an exemption at the school your child attends yearly unless the exemption is medical.

**NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR:** Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year (7/1/2021), the process of submitting a nonmedical exemption will change. There will be two ways to submit a nonmedical exemption. Submit the Certificate of nonmedical exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider who is a medical doctor, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, advanced practice nurse, or delegated physician's assistant OR Submit the Certificate of nonmedical exemption received upon the completion of CDPHE's Online Immunization Education Module at **cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemption**.

To protect unvaccinated children, students with an exemption form for one or more required vaccines may be kept out of a school during a disease outbreak.

Please make sure your child is up to date on immunizations prior to the start of school. If not up to date, there will need to be a plan of action in place in order for your child to be in school.

Have A Great Summer and Stay Safe!!!