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Dear Parents:

Each school year, students in grades kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and new students are screened for vision and hearing problems. Postural and gait screenings are conducted each year on students in grades 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Before vision is conducted it is important that parents are informed, **vision screening is *not* a substitute for an eye examination.**

A screening examination is a very general test that is designed to detect possible problems. For vision screening, students are shown a vision-testing chart and asked to read letters or identify symbols from a distance. If they are unable to do so, parents will receive a letter advising that your child should see an eye doctor, optometrist/ophthalmologist.

For hearing screening, students listen to tones with headphones. If they fail to respond to those tones, they are retested in approximately 2 to 3 weeks. This allows for illnesses that may be interfering with hearing to resolve. If the student is still unable to pass the hearing screening, parents are sent a letter advising that they make an appointment with the child's doctor for a thorough evaluation.

The postural screenings consist of a simple observation of the back, as well as feeling the spine: first standing, and then bending forward. The observer looks for unevenness of the shoulders, hips, or one side of the back. Boys and girls are screened separately. At the conclusion of the screening program, if a defect in posture is detected parents will be notified and the student will have a second screening.

***Screenings will start in September and will be conducted until completed.***

Thank you,

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