

INTRODUCTION TO LMS HEALTH ROOM

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I joined Lionville Middle School two years ago and have really enjoyed working with students in the 11-14 year age group. I came from Uwchlan Hills/Brandywine Wallace Elementary Schools, where I worked as a school nurse since 2002. I have been a school nurse since 1996. My background includes several years working on staff at Chester County Hospital specializing in cardiac and orthopedic nursing.

April Tyree, RN, Health Room Nurse

Mrs. Tyree graduated from Chester County Hospital School of Nursing in 1997. Her specialty areas are in obstetrics and pediatrics when she worked at the Chester County Hospital. She has been school nursing here at LMS since 2006.

COMMUNICATION

The quickest way of reaching the nurse's office is by telephone. Our number is 610/524-6300 ext. 2. However, I feel the most effective way of letting us know about the issues your child is facing, is by email. This has two advantages: it allows both nurses to become aware of any medical problems your child may have; the second advantage is we can follow through and handle these situations appropriately and with better insight when our instructions come directly from you, the parent. Please feel free to bring us up to date on any medications your child is taking, both at home and at school. It often will influence how your student is treated in the school setting. My email address is: cmuller@dasd.org - April's email address is atyree@dasd.org

DO'S and DON'T'S

Please **DO** call us and **EMAIL** us with any changes in your child's health status or change in medication regiment. Please **DO** tell us if you want to be called if your child comes to our office for help or treatment.

Please **DO** send all prescription medications in with a note from the doctor and you. The medication must be in the original prescription bottle in order for the nurses to give the medication here at school. This includes inhalers, epi-pens, ADHD medications, anti-seizure medications, etc.*

Non-prescription medications must also be in the original packaging and come with a parent note. All medications will be returned at the end of the school day unless otherwise indicated by a parent.

*All the medication forms (for long term medications/prescription medications) may be obtained (downloaded) from the LMS Nurse's web site which is located under the LMS Staff list under C. Muller (NURSE). Please browse our website to see what's happening in the nurse's office.

Please DON'T send any medications to school in a baggy or in your child's pocket, or in an unmarked container. All medications must be brought to the nurse's office at the beginning of the school day so that we can read the parent note and set up a schedule for your child to come back to the office to take the medication.

GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Medication Policy:

Prescription medications may be given here at school, if they are accompanied by a doctor's script and a parent permission form. This goes for long term medications such as ADHD medications or inhalers as well as short term medications such as antibiotics.

Non-prescription medications may be given for up to 5 consecutive days as long as the medication is sent into the office in the original container and with a parent note.

Students seeking attention for illness are assessed and treated on an individual basis by the nurses. If it is suspected that the student has a contagious illness (i.e. strep throat*, chickenpox, conjunctivitis (pink eye) they may be excluded by the nurse and referred for further evaluation and diagnosis by your healthcare provider. *If a strep is suspected and a 24 hour strep test is performed in your doctor's office, the student must stay out of school until the test results are back. If the results are positive for strep throat, the student must be on a prescription antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Also, the student must be fever-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child presents with a fever of 100 degrees or greater, nausea and vomiting, they will be excluded for the day and a parent may be called to pick them up.

If your child sustains a serious injury at school, particularly a head injury, he or she may be excluded for the day or referred for further treatment. All head injuries and serious injuries are reported to parents ASAP.

Thank you for helping us take care of your children!