END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL NURSE INFORMATION

As your child’s school nurse, I want to remind you of the importance of getting your son or daughter’s vaccinations up to date before returning to school this fall. Summer is the best time to follow up with your practitioner to be sure everything is up to date. Vaccines are the best way to protect your child from a number of serious diseases.

As you are making your back-to-school checklist for your child I encourage you to make sure your child gets all the vaccines that are recommended for them. Schedule your child’s appointment today to ensure they are up-to-date on all the vaccines they need.

IMMUNIZATIONS

We follow DODEA guidelines for immunization policies that include Host Nation requirements.

Requirements for Bahrain School

DPT- 4 doses and an additional dose after 4th birthday
Hepatitis A- 2 doses 6 months apart
Hepatitis B- 3 doses
MMR (measles, Mumps, Rubella)- 2 doses
Polio-4 doses: the fourth dose is given after 4th birthday
Varicella-2 doses; 2nd dose given after 4th birthday (or history of disease)

Meningococcal Vaccine- **MANDATORY** for all school age children in Bahrain. In the U.S this is usually given at age 11 and 16.

MEDICATION

If your child has **ANY** medication in the nurses’ office it must be picked between June 7th and June 11th. I will be at the school from 9-12PM. If you need to make alternative arrangements for pick up please contact me at Nicole.o’driscoll@dodea.edu. We do not keep any medication over the summer. If you are returning in the fall, and your child will still require administration of medication new paperwork will need to be completed and signed by a physician.

If your child is in high school and self-carries any medication a form must be signed and handed in to the nurse’s office. No student is allowed to have any type of medication on hand without a signed form.
SPORTS PHYSICALS

If your child is in Grade 3-12 and is considering participating in any school sponsored sports (not PE) it is mandatory to have a sports physical on file. It is valid for one year from the date signed by the doctor.

Protect your child and talk with your child’s clinician about what vaccines they need. You may also contact me if you have any questions or want to verify that your child is not missing any required vaccines. I can be reached at Nicole.O’Driscoll@dodea.edu.

Naval Branch Health Clinic hours at this time- 8-11 and 1-4PM Sunday-Thursday. New location is Building 110. Phone number for Base Clinic: 1785-4260.

MEDICAL FORMS

All medical forms can be found outside the nurse’s office or under the heading NURSE on The Falcon Facts:

https://sites.google.com/student.dodea.edu/bahrainelementary/home

Have a Fun, Safe, Healthy Summer!

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