

**THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HEALTH SERVICES**

Dear Parents,

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we would like to give you some information we hope will be helpful, not only in finishing this school year, but to begin the next year.

**** PHYSICALS:** Physicals are required for students entering preschool, kindergarten, grade 6, grade 10, and for any student playing school sports in grades 5 – 12. Physicals for grade 6, grade 10, and for school sports must be done after June 30th in order to be valid for the upcoming school year.

Physicals for students entering grade 6, grade 10, and sports, may be done at the school, free of charge, by a physician appointed by the school board. You may choose to have your child's physical done by your own physician at your expense. Forms for those students entering grade 6 and grade 10 will be mailed to you with added information. If you choose to have the physical done with your physician, I encourage you to call and arrange for the appointment to be scheduled after June 30th. Summers are becoming shorter and physicians do run scheduling problems early.

Sport Physicals for high school students will be done during the month of August. The date and time will be announced in the local newspapers and on the local radio station. Middle school sport physicals will be done during the first two weeks of school. No students will be allowed to participate/ tryout for a sport without a physical done at school or by your physician. If the physical is done by your physician, a written report, including the results of the physical, and the physician's signature must be submitted to the school nurse before the first practice/ tryout session. Physicals for athletes must be done after July 1st of the academic year the child plans to participate in the sport.

**** RECORDS:** If you are in need of a copy of your child's immunizations and/or latest physical for summer camps or changes in location and school, please notify the school nurse's office and we will be glad to assist you with that information. Immunization copies may be sent home with your child - parents will need to pick up copies of physicals.

**** MEDICINES:** Please pick up any medicine your child may have at school by the last day of school. Any medicine, including inhalers and Epi-Pens, remaining at school five days after the last full day of school must be disposed of according to the Thompson Board of Education policy: The Administration of Medications.

We have attached a medication authorization form for your convenience should your child need medicine in school for the next school year. As you know, no medicine, whether it be over-the-counter or prescription, may be given without a physician's written permission and a parent's written permission. Please remember, your child may have any medicine at school to be used as needed, and as instructed by the physician and parent providing this authorization, and the medicine is brought to the nurse's office each year. All medicine must be brought to the nurse by a responsible adult.

**** ASTHMA AND BEE STING/ FOOD ALLERGIES:** Children noted to have asthma or restrictive airway disease and children who are allergic to bee stings or foods will be receiving information and forms to be completed and returned to the school nurse before the first day of school.

Thank you for your cooperation in the above matters. Please feel free to contact the nurse's office at any time (923-3574). Have a safe and healthy summer.

Thank you,
Health Services