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Re: 6th Grade Stokes Overnight Camping Trip

Dear 6th Grade Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all parents who may have already completed the green Stokes Health Information paperwork, which was sent home with your child's final 5th grade report card. If you have not yet turned this in, please send it in as soon as possible. If you need a new copy, please let your child's homeroom teacher know. This paperwork is required before the camping trip.

These forms can also be found and printed from the Brass Castle website:

<http://www.washtwpsd.org/stokes-information-6th-grade/>

MEDICATIONS

The State of NJ does not allow students to carry medications on them during school hours, including school overnight trips. The exception to this rule is emergency lifesaving medications for Asthma or Severe Allergies (inhalers and EpiPens). In order for a student to carry an inhaler or EpiPen, a physician must sign paperwork stating they have been trained and are capable of self-administering these medications.

All other medications (including over the counter) need to be turned into the nurse with the appropriate paperwork from a physician, in advance of the Stokes Trip. Exceptions will not be made, due to state regulations.

EXAMPLES OF MEDICATIONS THAT REQUIRE PAPERWORK

1. Allergy medication (such as Claritin)
2. Pain medication (such as Ibuprofen)
3. Vitamins
4. ADHD medications
5. Mood medications, such as antidepressants
6. Cold medications (such as Robitussin)
7. Antibiotics
8. Stomach medicine (such as Pepto Bismol)
9. Eye or Nose drops
10. Skin creams (such as Lotrimine - antifungal)
11. Any prescription medication that your child uses, daily or as needed.

On September 21st, I will be accepting Medications and Orders at Brass Castle School. Please bring all paperwork and medication supplies on this day. DO NOT send medications to school with your child, as this is against state regulations.

If you are unsure about a medication, please call or email me. I am available to answer any questions or issues you may have. Any medication already ordered by a physician for use at school will also be given during the camping trip. Supplies available at school will also be available at the Brass Castle Camp Infirmary, to include Acetaminophen (Tylenol), calamine lotion, Cortaid, diphenhydramine (Benadryl for allergies), cough drops, skin lotion, Orajel, and OTC allergy eye drops (Visine Allergy).

Medications MUST be in the original labeled bottle with the student's name written on it.

Due to the camping space and proximity to the nurse during some activities, such as the hike, if you believe your child is capable of carrying his/her asthma inhaler and self-administering, please speak with your physician about this order.

Stokes Medication Orders are only for the camping trip. If your child will need the same medication during regular school days, your doctor will also need to complete the Washington Township Medication Authorization form for the school day.

I will be available at the 9/13/17 Stokes Meeting/Back to School Night to answer any additional questions.

Thank you!

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