

# Edward A. Fulton Junior High School

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## News from the Nurse - Mrs. Joey Freeman:

**If your child is absent from school, whether due to illness or a doctor or dentist appointment, please call school before 8:30 a.m.**

### Medications At School:

O'Fallon District 90 has a medication policy designed to address the needs of students who must take medication during the day in order to be successful in school. We also attempt to accommodate those students who require antibiotics, inhalers, eye or ear drops during the school day. The policy requires all medication be accompanied by a written Doctor's order and parent permission. Medication is defined as prescription drugs or anything bought over the counter to include but not be limited to Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, Sudafed, etc.

1. Prescription medication must be in a container from the pharmacy labeled with:
  - Student name
  - Name of medication
  - Dosage
  - Time of administration
2. The order must be signed by a physician. A nurse's signature will not be accepted.
3. Medications will need to remain at school. Medications will not be sent home at the end of each school day.
4. Please request a written Doctor's order if you visit the Doctor's office, emergency room or urgi-care center. We will accept an order written on a prescription pad. An emergency room discharge summary is not acceptable unless signed by a Doctor.
5. Over-the-counter medication must be in the original container with the student's name on it.

**The Medical Authorization Form is available on the Fulton website and may be faxed to the school for your convenience.**

## **Illness:**

We recommend that you not send your child to school if:

1. The child has a fever above 100.0 and until the child has been fever free for 24 hrs without the use of Tylenol or Motrin.
2. The child has vomited twice or more in 24 hours.
3. The child has diarrhea.
4. The child has pink eye and/or white or yellow discharge from the eye.
5. The child has strep throat or scarlet fever-they have to have been on an antibiotic for 24 hours to return to school.
6. The child has chicken pox-all lesions must be dried and crusted before they return to school.
7. The child has impetigo-a highly contagious skin infection , marked by a weepy, scaly or crusty rash-which has to be treated for 24 hours.
8. the child has ringworm- until it is treated and it will need to be covered while at school.

**Please remember to contact the school by 9:00 am if your child is going to be absent. If your child sees a doctor while they are home ill, please remember to get a note from the doctor.**

## **Head Lice:**

Head lice is a fact of life in all schools. O'Fallon School District 90 has a "no nit" policy. When children are discovered to have live lice or nits, they are sent home to be treated and may not return to school until all the nits have been removed. You can help by keeping the following in mind:

1. Instruct your children not to share combs, hats, or anything that touches their hair and coats with other children.
2. Check your child's hair regularly. If you don't know what to look for, ask your school nurse.
3. Please report all cases of head lice to the school nurse. Your privacy will be respected.

**Children who are absent more than three (3) consecutive days because of lice may be reported to the truancy officer.**

For more information on lice, please go to [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org)

### **Allergies:**

We are seeing an increase in allergies to food and other environmental substances. Peanut butter and dairy products account for the greatest number of food allergies. Before sending treats to school, please check the ingredients carefully and ask the teacher or nurse about possible allergies among your child's classmates. Before bringing any pets to school, check with the classroom teacher or nurse for allergies to animal dander or asthma reactions. ***Please remember that District 90 is a latex-safe environment. Please, NO latex balloons in the buildings. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.***

### **Emergency Phone Numbers:**

We realize you cannot anticipate every time we may need to reach you (neither can we). However, it is important that you keep your home, work and emergency phone numbers current in the school office and with the nurse. We do not release students to people not listed on the emergency card.

### **Contact the School Nurse:**

I welcome any questions or comments. I can be reached Monday through Friday, 7:30am- 3:30 pm at 628-0090. You may also reach me by email: [jfreeman@ofallon90.net](mailto:jfreeman@ofallon90.net)