MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY HEALTH POLICIES

WELCOME TO MCAULIFFE HEALTH SERVICES! YOUR NURSE IS JENNIFER NOLL, RN. NURSE OFFICE: 913-993-3502 FAX: 913-993-1442 EMAIL: JENNIFERNOLL@SMSD.ORG

Your student's health is the top priority of health services. Your assistance with the following health policies will help keep students safe and healthy.

<u>Illness</u>: To protect your child and to prevent illness from spreading, keep your child home if any of these symptoms are present:

*Diarrhea or vomiting	*Temperature of 100.0 degrees or above
*Severe sore throat, headache, or cough	*Undiagnosed rash or skin lesions
*Red or discharging eyes	

*Students should be free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

<u>Communicable Disease</u>: Keep your child home and notify the school immediately so precautionary measures may be taken for those exposed. Students diagnosed with Strep Throat or Pink Eye should be on medication 24 hours before returning to school.

<u>Absence:</u> Call the school office before 8:30 AM to report an absence or late arrival. An answering machine (<u>913-993-3588</u>) is available for evening and early morning calls. If ill, please list symptoms.

Emergency numbers: Keep the school informed of any change in emergency information so you can be reached in case of illness, injury or emergency. Updates may be made on Skyward, or by contacting the school office.

Injury: Students with a cast, sutures, or an incapacitating injury should bring a note from the physician or emergency room detailing any limitation in school activities.

Food/Nut Allergies: Please stop by the nurse's office for the required paperwork, including prescription medication form(s), meal modification form 19B and medical action plan.

Vaccinations: Students must have documentation on file with the school nurse showing compliance with all state required vaccines. Vaccination records printed on physician letterhead is acceptable. Also, the Kansas Certificate of Immunizations (KCI) form may be completed <u>with a provider signature</u> to prove vaccine compliance. The first shot of the five required vaccine series must be documented prior to school entry. Subsequent documentation of the completion of the series must be provided to the school nurse within 60 days.

Physical Exam: Kansas State law requires all children 8 years and younger have written proof of a physical examination. The exam must be done within 12 months prior to school enrollment or within 90 days after school enrollment. Kindergarten round up is the first day of enrollment. If physical is not complete within 90 days, student will be excluded from school according to state law.

<u>Medication:</u> The nurse office is stocked with basic over-the-counter medications. These may only be given with signed parent permission. Please initial and sign the Medication Permission form included in this packet if you wish for your child to receive medications from the nurse as needed. Students may <u>not keep</u> medicine or cough drops in desks, backpacks or pockets. All personal over-the-counter and prescription medication should be brought directly to the nurse and must be accompanied by the Medication Permission form. Non-prescription medication must be in the original container. Prescription medications must be in original containers with pharmacy dosing labels attached.

<u>Party Food/Treats</u>: Please note that birthdays are celebrated with NON-FOOD items. See the "Heathy Classroom" letter for ideas. Halloween/Winter Break and Valentines parties may include fresh fruits and vegetables, if party organizers wish. Please refrain from any dips, fillings or coatings in order to avoid food allergens.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Noll with questions or concerns. Your calls and emails are welcomed at any time. Your child's health and well-being at school are our top priority and we value your input and support.

