## **Physical Exams and Immunizations**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New York State law now requires all children entering Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup> grade to have a physical examination. Further, this is required for any child who enters a new district. A report of the physical examination is kept as part of the child's permanent health record. It is strongly recommended that your own physician perform the exam. To be valid for the required school year, the physical exam report should be dated within one year prior to the first day of school, and no later than fifteen days after the first day of school. Annual birth date physicals are not valid unless they fall in the above date perimeters. A physical exam form is attached as well as a copy of the New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance and Attendance. Your own doctor's physical exam form will also be accepted.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wendy DeBell, RN School Nurse

<u>Please Note:</u> All Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and new students must submit Immunization records prior to the first day of school.

## Effective July 1, 2015-Immunization guidelines for schools have been revised to reflect the following changes:

Students entering K,  $1^{st} - 6^{th}$ , and  $7^{th}$  grades in the 2016-17 school year will now be required to have **2** doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and **3-4** doses of poliomyelitis vaccine. All other students will be able to attend school this year with 1 dose of varicella, and 3 doses of poliomyelitis.

Students will now need **2** doses of measles, and mumps, and **1** dose of rubella vaccine in K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will no longer be able to wait until age 7 to meet this requirement.