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Dear Families,

It is our pleasure to begin the eighth year of our expanded partnership with Community Health Network. The Clark Pleasant Community School Nurses are members of the Community Health Network Nursing Department. Our children and families are very fortunate to have the expanded health resources offered by Community Health Network available to provide care.

Healthy children perform at their best. A student who becomes ill during school hours will be taken to the school clinic. If it is necessary to send the child home because of illness, the family will be notified. It is very important that current, up-to-date contact information be provided in case of a medical emergency. Please update this information as directed by your students' school.

As a reminder, the nursing staff will not dispense stock medications such as; ibuprofen, acetaminophen, Benadryl, Calamine lotion, and cough drops. Nurses are not licensed to diagnose and therefore if your child needs over the counter medications, we will ask you to provide those for administration by the nursing staff. Additionally, if your student seeks medication on a frequent basis, the nurse will likely reach out to you to request your student receive follow-up care by a physician.

Please be aware that the clinic follows guidelines set forth by the Indiana State Department of Health. Children will be sent home with a temperature over 100.4 degrees F and must be fever-free and symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. To protect all children from the possible spread of disease, please keep your child home if the following symptoms are present: fever greater than 100.4 degrees F, diarrhea, red or inflamed eyes, vomiting, or undiagnosed skin rash.

Hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent illness. It is important to wash hands before and after a meal, after playing outside, when using the restroom and whenever hands get dirty. Please encourage your child to cough and sneeze into his/her elbow or use a tissue. Together we can help keep our children healthy and in school.

As always, the health of your child is of utmost importance to us. Please don't hesitate to contact your Community Health Network School Nurse with any questions or concerns you may have.

Best wishes for a healthy school year,

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