



# Welcome to the Dingman-DeLaware Primary School

## Notes From the Nurse

Hello. I am Alana Reich, the DDPS Certified School Nurse. I look forward to providing care and comfort to your child in the nurse's office. I can be reached directly at 570-296-3135. Medical forms can be faxed to the school at 570-296-3173 or emailed to me at [areich@dvsd.org](mailto:areich@dvsd.org). Jenn DeGraw, the DVSD float nurse, is also assigned to my office a few days a month. You may speak with either of us for any medical concerns regarding your child.

**Please keep me up to date with your child's medical conditions and immunizations.** Let me know if your child needs any nursing assistance or medication at school. The Medication Authorization form can be found on the district website. This form must be completed by your child's doctor, signed by both the doctor and a parent, and submitted to me before any medication can be given to your child. Medications must be brought to me by an adult in the original pharmacy labeled bottle/package and picked up at the end of each school year.

**Please keep your child home if he or she is sick.** Students with fevers 100.4F or higher, vomiting and/or diarrhea are asked to stay home until those symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication in his/her system.

**Please keep me, the main office and your child's teacher up to date with your emergency contact numbers.** This is how I will reach you or your child's emergency contact person in the event of an emergency. Please bring your photo ID any time you are signing out your child from the nurse's office/school. I do not call home for all nurse's office visits each day. Children with a fever, vomiting, diarrhea or a suspected communicable illness/rash will be sent home from school.

**Please see the reverse side for the screenings required by the state and the grade levels in which they are required.** Free school physical and dental exams are only offered in the year in which a child starts school. Kindergarten students will be offered a school physical and/or dental exam before the end of the year only if they have not already handed in an exam from a private doctor. Kindergarten students not having a medical and/or dental exam in their health file by the end of the kindergarten school year are not allowed to attend first grade until it is completed. Your child's hearing, growth and vision screenings will take place during the school day throughout the school year. Our DDPS Hearing Screening Day is scheduled for September 7, 2022. Visions will be checked during the fall and winter. Referrals are only sent home if a child fails his/her hearing or vision screening. Please have your child seen by a doctor and return the referral to me ASAP. A Growth letter will be sent out after the children are measured in their PE/Health class at the start of the school year.

**If your child's teacher has a snack time in the classroom, please send in a healthy and nutritious snack with your child.** Foods are not to be sent to school to be shared with the class. Water fountains are accessible in the classrooms or you may send in a water bottle with your child each day.

It is advised that your child have an **extra set of clothes** in the classroom in case they need to change due to an accident/spill. Each homeroom has a bathroom available. Recess is outside most days so please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

**Please visit the DV website to access the Elementary Handbook, the Back to School Guide for Elementary Students and our Health Policies.** Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I am wishing you all an amazing 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

*Alana Reich*

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