

LaHarpe Elementary/Junior High School Announcements

Thursday, May 30, 2013

Absentees
Elementary

Appointments (Sign out in office)

Jr High

2013-14 school registration has been set for
August 6th from 8am to 6pm.

REMINDER TO PARENTS The following exams will be due
for the 2013-14 school year:

Pre-K – physical exam

Kindergarten- physical exam, dental exam, vision exam

2nd grade – dental exam

6th grade – physical exam, dental exam

Those participating in sports 5,6,7,8th grades – sports physical
(the 6th grade physical exam also serves as the sports physical)

Also, scroll down to get information on the new Tdap vaccine schedule.

Menu: Hot dog/bun, potatoes, relish tray, pudding, cookie

Today's Activities: Kindergarten Track Meet
School Improvement Day, 12:30 dismissal
Last day for students



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Dear Parent,

This is to inform you that beginning next school year (Fall of 2013) all students entering, advancing, or transferring into 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades will be required to show proof of receipt of one dose of Tdap vaccine (combined tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td dose^[1].

This requirement is important because pertussis (whooping cough) disease continues to occur throughout many Illinois communities and vaccination of children and adolescents reduces illness and absenteeism among school-age students. In addition, pertussis infections in infants can be fatal, and reducing the spread of pertussis through vaccination of community members helps to protect infants, especially those who are too young to be fully vaccinated.

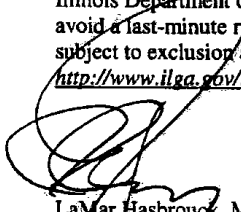
Most students may have already received the vaccine and simply need to provide the school with verifying documentation from the family health care provider. Documentation accepted as complying with the requirement for students entering 6th through 12th grades for the 2013-14 school year includes the following information:

- Note or letter, signed by health care provider and identifying the vaccine (Tdap) and date (month, day, and year) administered.
- Print-out from provider's electronic medical record system that identifies Tdap vaccination(s) and date administered for student in question.
- Current Certificate of Child Health Examination (see link below), specifying Tdap and date (month, day, year) administered.

http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/vaccine/child_hlth_forms/Child_Hlth_Exam_Cert.pdf

In addition to health care providers, many local health departments, and pharmacies offer the vaccine. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that parents get their adolescents immunized now to avoid a last-minute rush during the summer. Students without adequate proof of vaccination will be subject to exclusion as described in the School Code of Illinois

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/010500050K27-8.1.htm>^[2].



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^[1] There are four combination vaccines used to prevent diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis: DTaP, Tdap, DT, and Td. Two of these (DTaP and DT) are given to children younger than 7 years of age, and two (Tdap and Td) are given to older children and adults. Several other combination vaccines contain DTaP along with other childhood vaccines.

^[2] 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1

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