

Dear CCS Parents,

During this time of heightened alert surrounding the Swine Flu, CCS has our students' health and safety foremost on our minds. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states the vaccine for the H1N1 Swine flu is expected to be available in the fall. It is important to know that the traditional flu vaccine does not cover the H1N1 Swine flu. The CDC has recommended people to get their seasonal flu shot as soon as it is available, and the H1N1 Swine flu vaccine when it becomes available. If you would like more detailed information on Swine Flu, please visit any of the following sites:

[http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu\\_you.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm)

[http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/phs\\_emergency/swineflu.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/phs_emergency/swineflu.aspx)

<http://www.butlercounty/health.org>

The school has put in place the following guidelines:

1. A box of tissues is available in each classroom.
2. Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom.
3. Hand washing signs are posted in each restroom.
4. The student body will be instructed on hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
5. The office phone used by the students will be wiped down between uses.
6. Our cleaning team has been instructed on our heightened alert and extra caution will be used in disinfecting restrooms and classrooms.
7. If your child has flu like symptoms, please do not send them to school. Report the absence as usual to the school. Since Butler County Health Department will be asking the school to report how many students with flu-like symptoms we have, we request that you mention on the answering machine or to the receptionist that your child has a fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue or any combination of those symptoms. If your child has flu-like symptoms, please consult the child's physician. If the physician has diagnosed swine flu, the student cannot re-enter school without a physician's note for re-entry.
8. School nurses are monitoring the attendance numbers and will keep the principals informed daily.
9. Please note during this time of heightened alert, we will be more diligent in sending students home who have flu-like symptoms. When a student arrives in the nurse's office and has flu like symptoms the student will be required to wear a mask. Also, students will not be allowed to remain in the nurse's office for any prolonged time once it is determined that the student needs to be sent home. You need to have an alternative plan in place should you the parent not be able to pick up your student. Students leaving school due to flu like symptoms will be re-checked by the nurse when the student returns to school with the note from their physician. Please be reminded that in order to return to school, the student must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
10. Teachers have been notified that they are to send students who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms to the nurse's office, no matter what activity they are engaged in at the time.

Traci McLaughlin, Elementary School Nurse

Shari Parker, High School Nurse

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**Picture Day for Elementary students is tomorrow 8.26.** Forms were sent home Friday, 8.21. You will need to write one check for each order, for example, if you have 2 children, you will need to complete 2 forms and write 2 checks.

The children may wear shirts that are out of dress code as long as they are appropriate, and the girls may wear dresses if they like. Shoes must be in dress code, preferably something that is appropriate for the playground. Please do not allow the girls to wear shirts or dresses that have spaghetti straps.

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A special **Cub Scout Signup Night is being held in the Elementary Cafeteria Thursday, 8.27**, at 7:00pm. Cub Scouts are for boys in 1st – 5th grades.

Cub Scout Pack 912 meets on Tuesdays in the cafeteria of the Elementary campus at 7:00PM. Cub Scouts is for boys in 1st – 5th grades. We currently have 32 boys of all age levels.

Pack 912 provides scouts with programs and activities that allow them to:

-Try new things.

-Provide service to others.

-Build self-confidence.

-Reinforce ethical standards

-Have fun - Camping, overnights at Reds and Kings Island, outdoors, sports, much more!

For more information on Cub Scouting, see [www.gocubscouts.com](http://www.gocubscouts.com) or contact: Kevin and Valita Bird, 851-8841 or [vbird@cinci.rr.com](mailto:vbird@cinci.rr.com).

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If you haven't been collecting **Box Tops and Campbells Labels** over the summer, it's time to start! We will have our annual classroom contest in October. More information will be sent home later with contest details. In the mean time, there is a special at Meijer from August 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Box Tops products. Thanks so much for your support of this program. What an awesome way to raise money for our kids' school needs without having to spend extra - just the products we already buy! If you have questions on Box Tops, please contact Christine Guckiean, [cguckiean@fuse.net](mailto:cguckiean@fuse.net) or 870-0447.

In Him,

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