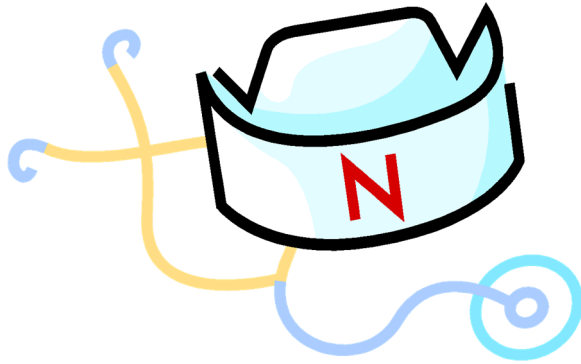


Dear Parents and Guardians:

Hi! My name is Kristen Swisher and I am the school nurse at Harrison Elementary. I also am the nurse at Mid City High School and Adams Elementary. Dominique Nuci is our health para and will be in the office everyday and I will be in office at least one and a half days a week. Please call me anytime with any questions or concerns at (563) 723-6500. I look forward to meeting each and everyone of you.



As we start the school year I thought it might helpful for you to have a little information about the nurses office and how things go:

- If your child has a change in their health status, needs to take medication at school, develops a chronic disease or a communicable disease please call me.
- If your child is ill and they have to stay home from school please call into the office and give two symptoms as to why your child is staying home.
- Medication: All prescription and nonprescription medications must have a Davenport Community School District Medication Administration form filled out. You can get these from me in the nurse's office at anytime.
- Please remember to keep your child home when they are ill. They may return to school when they are symptom free for 24 hours (examples: no fever, no diarrhea, no vomiting, etc).
- I'm always looking for donations of clothes and underwear for when accidents and spills happen at school. I feel that having some extra clothes in the nurse's office to change your child into can help save you a trip to coming to the school to bring them. With that I encourage all parents to pack a extra set of spare clothing in the bottom of their students backpack. You never know when your child may take an accidentally spill in a mud puddle at recess.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for checking their child's hair weekly (recommended). If lice/nits are found, please treat and notify me. Any information obtained is confidential and I can answer any questions you may have.
- Fever: If your child's temperature is 100 or above, you will be called and the child will need to go home. Children are to stay home until they have not had a fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

- Headache or stomach ache: If your child is running a temperature and has a headache that is severe or has a stomach ache, you will be called.
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea: Your child must go home.
- Rashes: If your child develops a rash that is not localized (in more than one area), has drainage, or is causing discomfort, you will be called and your child will need to go home.
- Eyes: If your child has one or both eyes swollen, discharge, itching, or is painful. You will be called and child may have to go home.
- Keep contact information current and up to date: If necessary, to the best of our ability, we will contact you. Therefore, please assure that the school has up-to-date contact information. In addition, it's important that you pick your child up in a timely manner.

Lastly:

The Health Services Department provides health screenings for students in selected grades during the school year. Parent and teacher referrals for screenings may also be made. The screenings that we currently do include:

VISION SCREENINGS (Kindergarten and 3rd)

HEARING SCREENINGS (Kindergarten thru 2nd, 5th and students new to district in 3rd and 4th)

DENTAL SCREENINGS (Kindergarten)

If I already have a current dental and vision screen on file for your student I will not need to conduct a screening, If I don't I will conduct the screening.

I am pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding any of the screening programs. Please feel free to call me at anytime.

If you do not want your child to participate in any of the above screenings, you must contact me by phone or letter.

Here's to an exciting and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

Kristen J. Swisher, RN BSN

