

October 5, 2018

Dear Spaulding Families,

**Happy Friday! We hope everyone has some fun plans for the upcoming long weekend. The weather will be cooperating, and we have three days to catch up on chores, and hopefully enjoy some sun and pleasant temperatures.**

**Transportation Tips:** Buses usually leave AWS at the same time each afternoon but at times there may be slight delays. This could impact the time the bus arrives to drop off your child. If the bus does not arrive on time please be patient. If you have concerns you can call Spaulding's office at 860-668-3826. Staff is in the office until all buses are back in the bus yard.

If you need to change your child's bus or drop off location for any reason please contact the main office. Parents should not make arrangements with the bus company.

School policy is that all PreK-2 students have an adult visible at drop off. If an adult is not present at the drop off location the bus company will return the students to Spaulding. Our office staff will contact families if we are made aware of a student being returned to school. Any student returned to school may be sent to our after school program and parents will be charged for services.

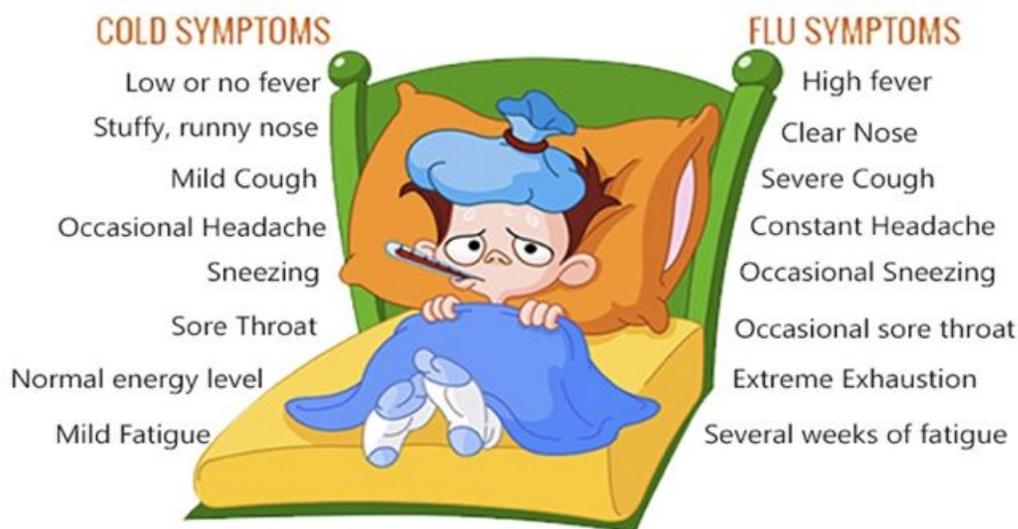
**Memorial Garden and Free Library:** We are pleased to announce that our front memorial garden has been updated and the free library has been installed. This spot will provide our community with a place to visit. The free library system is established as a take one drop one off system. We plan to have a little dedication ceremony soon, and we hope this location becomes a favorite spot for many.

**Update From Our School Nurse:** With fall temperatures upon us and students back in the classroom, the spread of germs becomes a common concern. The best way to prevent the spread of germs is through frequent and effective handwashing, it's like a "do-it yourself" vaccine. 5 simple steps can keep you and your family healthy this season – **Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry**. You can even have a little fun with it and sing the ABC's or Happy Birthday while performing the Lather and Scrub steps! Handwashing is a win for everyone, except GERMS!

With the start of the school year, the spread of Pediculosis (head lice) becomes more common. Be on the lookout for symptoms of head lice – it can be as simple as frequent head scratching. If you have a question or are concerned that your child may have head lice or may have been exposed to head lice, please contact

the school nurse, Marissa Auclair, so she can monitor the situation confidentially and help prevent any further outbreaks.

Flu season is right around the corner, the time to start preparing is now. The most effective way to prevent the flu is by getting a yearly flu vaccine. It's especially important for young children and children that have long-term health problems. Children with the flu or with flu-like symptoms should stay home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Marissa Auclair, our school nurse, will be tracking the flu cases throughout our school in an effort to keep everyone healthy, safe and informed. Please let the school know if your child is home sick with the flu or flu-like symptoms so we can track the flu cases throughout our school.



*Flu strikes suddenly. One day, you're feeling fine – the next, you may have a high temperature, aches, pains and nausea that you cannot explain. You may also experience a cough or loss of appetite which could last for two or three weeks*

### **Attendance:**

As we near the 30th day of school families are reminded of the importance of students being in attendance. Students with more than a 10% absenteeism rate are considered chronically absent. As a school we monitor attendance closely and are in contact with families about attendance. When your child is absent please be sure to give a reason for the absence. Families are also reminded that absences between 1-9 days are excused with parent notification of the reason but any days beyond 9 are only excused with a doctor's note or other documentation.

**Upcoming Events:**

October 5: Early Release - Teacher Professional Development

October 8: No School Columbus Day

October 9: PreK Field Trip

October 15-19: PTO Clothing Drive

October 17: Kindergarten Field Trip

October 22-26: Bus Safety Week

October 24: Sharon Audubon visits Grade 2

October 25: picture retakes

Sincerely,

Roxanne and Kris

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