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Dear Heritage Lakes Elementary School Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you ways that parents can partner with Heritage Lakes to provide the healthiest school possible for our students. It is not intended to alarm you.

This month, we have had a number of students out sick with communicable diseases or rashes. A communicable disease is an infectious disease that can be transmitted from person to person by direct contact with an affected individual. Common communicable diseases include chicken pox, strep throat, ringworm, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, and impetigo. As of today, 11 parents have reported a child with strep throat, and a few cases of additional communicable diseases or rashes have also been reported.

Per district and school procedures, if a student in your child's class has been diagnosed with a communicable disease or rash, you will receive a letter from Heritage Lakes School providing you with information about the disease and its symptoms. **While we love to see the children in school, we respectfully ask that you keep them home if they are sick so they can heal and not infect others while at school.**

As always, Heritage Lakes will continue to ensure that custodial staff members thoroughly clean and disinfect student learning areas. Due to the volume of communicable diseases reported by Heritage Lakes families, as an added precaution, we will perform an additional deep cleaning of student learning areas this weekend.

Here are ways you can help prevent the spread of communicable diseases:

- Remind children to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.
- Remind children to cover their mouths with their upper arm when sneezing or coughing and wash their hands.
- Remind children to keep hands away from their ears, eyes, face, and mouth to prevent spread of illnesses.
- Do not send children to school when they are sick.
- Per CCSD93's Parent Handbook, if your child has contracted a rash, he or she must be seen by a doctor and cannot return to school until cleared through a doctor's note.
- Per CCSD93's Parent Handbook, if your child is prescribed antibiotics, he or she must stay home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics. He or she may return to school if they are feeling better and fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. Please feel free to contact me at 630-588-6200 or yelaskb@ccsd93.com if you have any questions or concerns with this information.

Thank you for your continued support,

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