



September 24, 2009

As we continue to work hard to promote a healthy school environment, we thank our parents for reinforcing basic guidelines about good health habits and for keeping children at home when they are ill. We continue to encourage frequent hand-washing and cough/sneeze etiquette and offer hand sanitizers throughout schools. Our Maintenance staff has worked diligently to thoroughly clean and disinfect areas of frequent student contact.

Eanes ISD continues to monitor student absence rates, which district-wide have been around 4-5 percent. Some campuses have experienced brief spikes, but these have improved within a day or two. Staff absences continue to be average as compared to other years.

Remember to keep children home at least 24 hours after a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) have disappeared. Although we know our students are anxious to return to their classrooms and activities, this is an important factor in preventing the spread of illness. Westlake High School has informed students and parents of some modifications in the exam exemption guidelines, which are posted on the district website.

District officials continue to participate in weekly conference calls with state health officials to stay abreast of any new developments. Information on flu-related topics is posted under "Flu Information" on the front page of [www.eanesisd.net](http://www.eanesisd.net).

Another recommendation from health officials is to get the seasonal flu vaccine. Beginning next week, Eanes ISD will offer clinics for staff, students and families for the seasonal flu vaccine. As in years past, the cost is \$25. The administration of vaccines for these clinics is being coordinated by Flu Busters. The schedule is (enter at front office, except for Westlake HS):

Monday, Sept. 28:	Cedar Creek Elementary	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 29:	Eanes Elementary	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30:	Bridge Point Elementary	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1:	Valley View Elementary	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 2:	Forest Trail Elementary	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 5:	Barton Creek Elementary	7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6:	Hill Country Middle School	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 7:	Westlake High School	7:00 to 9:00 a.m.*
Thursday, Oct. 8:	West Ridge Middle School	7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

\*Westlake Community Performing Arts Center entrance

In addition, Eanes ISD is making plans to provide the vaccine for the novel H1N1 flu as soon as it is available, which is expected to occur in mid-October. We have requested enough doses for staff, students and community members; however, we have received some indication that we may not immediately receive all the doses we have ordered. We should know more in a few weeks. Clinics will be scheduled at multiple campuses as soon as the release date is announced. A small administration fee will be charged.

Please continue your emphasis on good health habits.