

School Hearing Screening Information

To: Parents

From: _____, School Nurse

Hearing screenings will be administered on _____ to all preschool and students in grades _____.

Why is it important to have your child's hearing screened?

- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading and learning.
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.

Hearing screening will consist of one or both of the following tests:

Tympanometry: Screening of middle ear function to determine presence/absence of middle ear fluid and/or wax which could interfere with normal hearing.

Audiometry: Screening of hearing acuity.

If your child passes the hearing screening, you may not be contacted by the school nurse. A hearing screening only provides a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist.

If your child fails either part of the screening, a re-test and/or referral will be made by the nurse. You will be informed of test results and necessary follow-up **only** if your child fails the re-screen.

Please direct any questions to the school nurse at _____.