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LITTLE SCHOLARS of ARKANSAS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

[Augmented Benchmark Examination](#)

Benchmark testing for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will begin on **Monday, April 12, 2010 through Thursday, April 15, 2010**. Our 7th grade students will test on **Friday, April 16, 2010**. It is important to have students prepared and confident. Students should get plenty of rest, eat breakfast, and **attend school on time** for testing.

[Book Fair is coming!](#)

Yes ladies and gentlemen it's that time again....BOGO is back!!!!!!

The Scholastic Spring Edition of the Book Fair will be in the lobby during the week of **April 26-30th**...as tradition holds it will be BOGO...buy one get one free or ...NEW THIS YEAR....half off of one....that's right....you need not buy two if you can't find that second one you like....but who can't find a book they like for free???

Sales taxes apply and higher price prevails....

Come BOGO with us

[Arkansas Foreign Language Association](#)

The AFLTA (Arkansas Foreign Language Association) will be held the 2010 State Competition at Harding University in Searcy this Saturday, April 17 from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. Good luck to all our participants!

[Lunch Volunteers](#)

Lisa Academy is *still* in need of a lunch volunteer to serve lunch every Friday from 10:30-12. If please contact Mrs. Critton for more information at 227-4942 or critton@lisaacademy.org. Your help would make such a difference to the students and staff. We hope you're able to set aside a couple hours a week. Thank you for any consideration with this matter.

[Casual for a Cause](#)

Students will be allowed to participate in a **Casual for a Cause Dress Day every Friday** for \$2.00 until further notice from administration. **Students will need to wear uniforms on testing days if the testing day happens to occur on a Friday.**

Lost and Found

Every Friday the lost and found area will be cleaned for safety reasons. Please remember to speak with your students to check the area often to retrieve lost items. The office currently has six pairs of misplaced or lost student eyeglasses.

Lunch and Aftercare Balances

Parents and Guardians please remember to check your student's balances on the LISA Academy student database. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Donation

Thank you to the parent who donated hand sanitizer and Kleenex to the school, yesterday. Your kindness was appreciated. If any parents are able to donate Kleenex and hand sanitizer our school would be grateful.

Health Service

In the last Wednesday Mail, I had discussed changes the Arkansas Department of Health was making in regards to the requirement for 7th grade students to receive an additional Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) before entering their 7th grade year. I had also mentioned that we will be, in conjunction with the ADH, offering Tdap immunizations to our current 6th grade students. This is an optional immunization here at school, but not optional for their 7th grade year. We are offering this immunization free, for your convenience. The Tdap clinic will be held on this campus on Monday, May 24, 2010; time to be announced. It is not necessary for parents to be present only that all forms are filled out correctly and returned the day of the clinic. Health Services is enclosing a Tdap information sheet and a LISA consent form. The ADH will provide their consent forms to us in the coming weeks and we will provide them in the front lobby.

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA (Td)

or **TETANUS,**

VACCINE

DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS (Tdap)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis.

1. Why get vaccinated?

Children 6 years of age and younger are routinely vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. But older children, adolescents, and adults need protection from these diseases too. Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) vaccines provide that protection.

TETANUS (Lockjaw) causes painful muscle spasms, usually all over the body.

It can lead to tightening of the jaw muscles so the victim cannot open his mouth or swallow. Tetanus kills about 1 out of 5 people who are infected.

DIPHTHERIA causes a thick covering in the back of the throat.

It can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death.

PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough) causes severe coughing spells, vomiting, and disturbed sleep.

It can lead to weight loss, incontinence, rib fractures and passing out from violent coughing. Up to 2 in 100 adolescents and 5 in 100 adults with pertussis are hospitalized or have complications, including pneumonia.

These three diseases are all caused by bacteria. Diphtheria and pertussis are spread from person to person.

Tetanus enters the body through cuts, scratches, or wounds. The United States averaged more than 1,300 cases of tetanus and 175,000 cases of diphtheria each year before vaccines. Since vaccines have been available, tetanus cases have fallen by over 96% and diphtheria cases by over 99.9%. Before 2005, only children younger than 7 years of age could get pertussis vaccine. In 2004 there were more than 8,000 cases of pertussis in the U.S. among adolescents and more than 7,000 cases among adults.

2. Td and Tdap vaccines

Td vaccine has been used for many years. It protects against tetanus and diphtheria.

Tdap was licensed in 2005. It is the first vaccine for adolescents and adults that protects against all three diseases.

Note: At this time, Tdap is licensed for only one lifetime dose per person. Td is given every 10 years, and more often if needed.

These vaccines can be used in three ways: 1) as catch-up for people who did not get all their doses of DTaP or DTP when they were children, 2) as a booster dose every 10 years, and 3) for protection against tetanus infection after a wound.

3. Which vaccine, and when?

Routine: Adolescents 11 through 18

A dose of Tdap is recommended for adolescents who got DTaP or DTP as children and have not yet gotten a booster dose of Td. The preferred age is 11-12.

Adolescents who have already gotten a booster dose of Td are encouraged to get a dose of Tdap as well, for protection against pertussis. Waiting at least 5 years between Td and Tdap is encouraged, but not required.

Adolescents who did not get all their scheduled doses of DTaP or DTP as children should complete the series using a combination of Td and Tdap.

Routine: Adults 19 and Older

All adults should get a booster dose of Td every 10 years. Adults under 65 who have never gotten Tdap should substitute it for the next booster dose.

Adults under 65 who expect to have close contact with an infant younger than 12 months of age (including women who may become pregnant) should get a dose of Tdap. Waiting at least 2 years since the last dose of Td is suggested, but not required.

Healthcare workers under 65 who have direct patient contact in hospitals or clinics should get a dose of Tdap. A 2-year interval since the last Td is suggested, but not required.

New mothers who have never gotten Tdap should get a dose as soon as possible after delivery. If vaccination is needed *during* pregnancy, Td is usually preferred over Tdap.

Protection After a Wound

A person who gets a severe cut or burn might need a dose of Td or Tdap to prevent tetanus infection. Tdap may be used for people who have never had a dose. But Td should be used if Tdap is not available, or for:

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anybody who has already had a dose of Tdap,

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children 7 through 9 years of age, or

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adults 65 and older.

Tdap and Td may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

4. Some people should not be vaccinated or should wait

Anyone who has had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td should not get Td or Tdap.

Anyone who has a severe allergy to any component of a vaccine should not get that vaccine. Tell your provider if the person getting the vaccine has any severe allergies.

Anyone who had a coma, or long or multiple seizures within 7 days after a dose of DTP or DTaP should not get Tdap, unless a cause other than the vaccine was found (these people *can* get Td).

Talk to your provider if the person getting either vaccine:

- has epilepsy or another nervous system problem,
- had severe swelling or severe pain after a previous dose of DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap vaccine, or
- has had Guillain Barré Syndrome (GBS).

Anyone who has a moderate or severe illness on the day the shot is scheduled should usually wait until they recover before getting Tdap or Td vaccine. A person with a mild illness or low fever can usually be vaccinated.

5. What are the risks from Tdap and Td vaccines?

With a vaccine (as with any medicine) there is always a small risk of a life-threatening allergic reaction or other serious problem. Getting tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis would be much more likely to lead to severe problems than getting either vaccine.

Problems reported after Td and Tdap vaccines are listed below.

Mild Problems (Noticeable, but did not interfere with activities)

Tdap

Pain (about 3 in 4 adolescents and 2 in 3 adults)

Redness or swelling (about 1 in 5)

Mild fever of at least 100.4°F (up to about 1 in 25 adolescents and 1 in 100 adults)

Headache (about 4 in 10 adolescents and 3 in 10 adults)

Tiredness (about 1 in 3 adolescents and 1 in 4 adults)

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach ache (up to 1 in 4 adolescents and 1 in 10 adults)

Chills, body aches, sore joints, rash, swollen glands (uncommon)

Td

Pain (up to about 8 in 10)

Redness or swelling (up to about 1 in 3)

Mild fever (up to about 1 in 15)

Headache or tiredness (uncommon)

Moderate Problems (Interfered with activities, but did not require medical attention)

Tdap

Pain at the injection site (about 1 in 20 adolescents and 1 in 100 adults)

Redness or swelling (up to about 1 in 16 adolescents and 1 in 25 adults)

Fever over 102°F (about 1 in 100 adolescents and 1 in 250 adults)

Headache (1 in 300)

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach ache (up to 3 in 100)

adolescents and 1 in 100 adults)

Td

Fever over 102°F (rare)

Tdap or Td

Extensive swelling of the arm where the shot was given (up to about 3 in 100).

Severe Problems (Unable to perform usual activities; required medical attention)

Tdap

Two adults had nervous system problems after getting the vaccine during clinical trials. These may or may not have been caused by the vaccine. These problems went away on their own and did not cause any permanent harm.

Tdap or Td

Swelling, severe pain, and redness in the arm where the shot was given (rare).

A severe allergic reaction could occur after any vaccine. They are estimated to occur less than once in a million doses.

6. What if there is a severe reaction?

What should I look for? Any unusual condition, such as a high fever or behavior changes. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness.

What should I do?

Call a doctor, or get the person to a doctor right away.

Tell the doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given.

Ask your provider to report the reaction by filling a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form.

Or you can file this report through the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov, or by calling **1-800-822-7967**.

VAERS does not provide medical advice. **The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program 7**

A federal program exists to help pay for the care of anyone who has a serious reaction to a vaccine. For details about the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, call **1-800-338-2382** or visit their website at

www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation. **How can I learn more?**

Ask your provider. They can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.

Call your local or state health department.

Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or

- Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)

Td & Tdap Vaccines (11/18/08) U.S.C. 42 §300aa-26

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“Embrace your Future”

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine

In compliance with the Family Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99),

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to
Parent/Guardian Name First and Last Name

participate in the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) School Immunization Clinic.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date Signed _____

March 17, 2010