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Elementary
School

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Dear Families,

This morning a student had a prescription bottle of fluoride on the school bus. He offered the chewable tablets to another student, along with a vitamin C tablet. We are very proud that a student knew to report this activity to his driver, who immediately followed up with administration. Though there was no negative health result from this event, it provides an opportunity to revisit safety issues around medications – especially those medications that may be tasty or may look like candy.

This afternoon, our school resource officer, Deputy Hyson, joined me in visiting each classroom. We reminded our students to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. We reviewed who the trusted adults are that they could make a report to. Going forward, we will have instruction related to helping students differentiate between reporting and tattling. We also discussed items that are unsafe and that should never be brought to school. I encourage you to continue this conversation at home with your child.

I also want to remind all families to keep a close eye on any home medications. Please have a conversation with your child about not bringing any medications to school. This includes vitamins, cough drops, over the counter medicine, and prescription medication.

If a child needs to take any of the above mentioned medications, they must be brought to school by an adult with a prescription from your child's doctor. These medications must be given to our school nurse. Our school nurse, Christine Seyerlein, is available to answer any questions you may have about medications that need to be administered during the school day.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Andrew Kourt'.

Andrew Kourt
WBH Principal



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