

## **DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL REQUIRE MEDICATION WHILE ATTENDING OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Outdoor Education is a wonderful opportunity for our MVMS children. Safety is always a concern of parents/guardians as well as our staff. Outdoor Education is under the guidelines of a HCPSS field trip. The health room staff will not be attending this trip. Our hope is that parents who are nurses and/or doctors licensed in the State of Maryland will volunteer to help with the trip.

If your child takes medication on a daily or an as needed basis, he/she will follow the same guidelines that are set up for medication given during the school day. **ALL MEDICATION FORMS THAT ARE IN THE HEALTH ROOM OR ON THE HCPSS WEBSITE ARE INVALID FOR THIS TRIP.** The reason they are invalid is that they only cover the school hours. You will need to provide a medication form that covers a 24-hour period. Please remember the physician and the parent/guardian must sign this form. Both signatures are needed for the form to be valid.

All medications needed for this trip will be provided by the parent/guardian. **No medication from the health room will be sent on this trip. All medication will need to be brought to the health room by the parent/guardian (not the student) during the school day (7:45am-2:00pm). All medications must be in the Health Room by Friday, May 2, 2008. NO MEDICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. If a last-minute medical situation occurs, please report to the Health Room, Monday May 19, at 7:30 am. Please have the medicine and medical form filled out by your doctor.**

(A medication treatment order must accompany ALL medications, including prescription and over-the-counter medications, or the medication will not be accepted.) All medication must be provided in the original prescription bottle or in the original over-the-counter bottle. No medication will be accepted in a baggy or unmarked container. These regulations are set up the Howard County Public School System.

If you have a child who is medically fragile, we do ask that a parent/guardian attend. This is for the safety of the child. Please contact the Health Room to discuss this matter.

If you are a volunteer who is attending this field trip, you can administer your child's medication yourself and a medication form will not be needed. The parent/guardian must carry the medication and the parent/guardian must be responsible for the administration of the medication. Any medication in a parent's possession must be secured in a locked suitcase, car, or kept on the parent for the safety of all students.

If you have any medical concerns or questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to call the Mount View Middle School Health Room at 410-313-5550.

