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H1N1: Will There Be Another Outbreak?

By Superintendent Jim Wyse

The H1N1 flu virus has been in the news almost daily, yet many of us question the accuracy of the information being reported. The collection of data is based upon confirmed cases of H1N1, but most flu cases have not been diagnosed and reported unless the patient was hospitalized or died. Relying upon the information they have, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently estimated that more than 22 million people in the US have contracted the H1N1 virus, with most having just a mild illness. The biggest difference between the "typical seasonal flu virus" and the H1N1 flu is that this particular strain largely affects adults and children 64 years and younger. Those 65 years of age and older appear to have some type of immunity to this particular flu strain.

Evergreen Schools have experienced a much higher than normal level of flu absences, especially in October and early November. During the past three or four weeks, our absenteeism rate has returned to normal rates. However, with the number of people expected to gather together at Christmas time, the CDC is predicting another wave of the H1N1 flu in January. Sometimes the second wave of a pandemic virus can be much more severe. I certainly hope this does not happen, but I want you to be aware that it could.

Locally the Fulton County Health Department (FCHD) has been offering the vaccine or flu mist free of charge to those considered to be in the "at-risk" population. Fortunately the number of vaccines predicted to be shipped has allowed the FCHD to offer anyone, free of charge, the opportunity to become vaccinated against the H1N1 virus. If you are interested in receiving the vaccine for yourself or family members, please call the FCHD at 419-337-0915 (between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

METAMORA STATE BANK CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

RETIRES



Bernard Sominski was appointed to the Metamora State Bank Board of Directors on January 8, 1980. He was one of the first Board of Directors to serve on the Bank Board and organized our first Stockholder meeting.

For nearly thirty years he brought to the Bank his many years of experience as a business owner. He has resided in Metamora, Ohio since 1956 and has been happily married to Shirley for fifty five years. On January 11, 1989 he was appointed President of The Metamora State Bank. In 1999, the Metamora State Bank changed the charter organization and appointed Bernard as the very first Chairman. He retired from the Board of Directors on December 1, 2009 after almost thirty years. He contributed many years to the Metamora State Bank and his community. Bernard was very proud that he had never missed a meeting. The Board of Directors will be recognizing Bernard at a special dinner in his honor.

Kindergarten Registrations

Evergreen Elementary School will be accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2010-2011 school year February 1-5, 2010, 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the elementary office. State law requires kindergarten attendance prior to first grade. Boys and girls reaching the age of five on or before August 1, 2010 should be registered. An appointment for kindergarten screening during the month of May will be made at registration. Parents must bring the child's state birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, and any custody papers with them to the school office when they register. Copies of these documents will be placed in the student's confidential file. Parents also need to bring proof of residency for the Evergreen district. Verification documents should include one of the following: (1) valid driver's license or photo state I.D. card indicating current address; (2) a copy of the deed, escrow papers, or lease/rental agreement for your residence in the district; (3) a copy of a recent utility bill/deposit receipt (phone, gas and electric), or a current active bank statement that includes your name and address. Parents with questions should contact the Evergreen Elementary school office at 419-644-9221.

Parenting Classes

Parents of children, birth to 12 years old, are invited to participate in the **Parenting Young Children in Fulton County** series. Cheryl Barber Spires, Ohio State University Extension will lead a morning class at Wauseon Primary Schools from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 9, and 16. The Fulton County Board of DD will host evening sessions offered by Spires on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Two curricula will be used, Parenting Wisely for Young Children and 1,2,3 Magic! Participants will learn more about redirection, active listening, setting limits, applying consistent consequences, controlling obnoxious behavior, encouraging good behavior, and strengthening relationships. Child care will be available for the evening sessions. Many Fulton County parents will be able to participate at no cost due to grant funding, others may register for a fee. Call to register and for more information, 419-337-9210 by January 8th.

Fulton County Quiz Team Tournament

Congratulations to the EHS quiz team who finished in 2nd place at the Fulton County Quiz Team tournament held December 7, 2009 at Archbold High School. The starters for Evergreen (Nick Puppos, Mariah Moyers, Danny Hill, and Anthony Meredith) along with clutch performances by Ben Vasko and Danielle Lyons helped the Vikings to take home the silver. Other members of the team awarded with runner-up medallions included Pete Lumbrezer, Brittany Jones, and Devon Kurland.

The team started off the night with a convincing victory over Swanton and beat Archbold in sudden death overtime before losing to Wauseon in the championship match. Lead scorers for Evergreen were Nick Puppos: 52 points, Mariah Moyers: 24 points, Danny Hill: 9 points, Anthony Meredith: 3 points, and Ben Vasko: 2 points.

The quiz team begins tournament play in January. Congratulations again on an outstanding beginning to the new season.

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