Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth Grade Students:

Per NJAC 8:57-4 all students entering Grade 6 must have a tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccine booster on or after the 10th birthday, and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine (Menactra) on or after the 11th birthday.

Proof of these vaccines is due into the nurse by AUGUST 25.
Your child will need to bring both of these vaccines in order to begin sixth grade on Sept 4, 2018.

If your child has received these vaccines, please have your Primary Care Provider complete the bottom portion of this letter and return to the School Nurse as soon as possible.

If your child has not yet received them, please make arrangements with your Primary Care Provider to complete them as soon as possible, and provide documentation to the School Nurse. If you are having difficulty getting a timely appointment, please contact the Mount Olive Health Department, as they have the vaccines available to Wharton residents for a low cost. Call 973 691-0900 x7353 for an appointment.

Additionally, a sports physical packet is available for your convenience. It is not required that your child have a physical unless he or she wishes to participate in interscholastic sports (cross country, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball or cheerleading). These physicals are valid for one calendar year. Students may not participate with an expired physical. For this reason, most people have found it most convenient to schedule the physical for the summer so that there is no interference or threat of a physical expiring mid-season. The physical form is available online at http://www.wbps.org/ (use link on right list for “Nurse’s page”. Sports physical form can be found on webpage along with other helpful forms) or hard copies are available from the school nurse or MacKinnon office if you do not have access to a printer. Physicals must be completed on this specific form and it must be completed in its entirety. Soccer and cross country begin around September 15th. Physical paperwork to participate must be in to the nurse for processing by September 11th if your child would like to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Nurse at 973-361-2506 x 229.

Sincerely,

Jen Dorr RN, CSN
School Nurse

Student: ____________________________ has received:

1. Tdap booster on: ____________________________ (month/day/year)
2. Menactra vaccine on: ____________________________ (month/day/year)

Primary Care Provider Signature: ____________________________
Primary Care Provider Stamp: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________