

October 27, 2009

Dear Parents and Staff:

We continue to closely monitor the absentee rates at each of our elementary and middle schools. The number of students absent due to flu-like illness is increasing at most schools, but not to the extent that it warrants further action by school administration at this time. The current percentage of students absent from each of our schools due to illness is as follows:

Adams - 21.7%  
Baldwin - 12.4%  
Jones - 6.4%  
Lakes - 10%  
Leete - 20%  
A.W. Cox - 19.1%.

We will continue with the procedures announced yesterday to eliminate all GPS before and after school and evening activities for students through Friday, October 30 at our elementary and middle schools. This will include activities sponsored by youth organizations that use our buildings. Practices, games, and other events sponsored by these organizations outside on our school grounds and fields may continue at the discretion of the group.

All before and after school activities and events at the high school will resume tomorrow, Wednesday, October 28.

Guilford Before and After Care and Suncatchers will be on regular schedules during this time.

Athletic Director Chip Dorwin reminds athletes at Adams Middle School that all games and practices have been cancelled until next week. The most current schedules are posted on the Adams website at [www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~Adams](http://www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~Adams). Some make-up games are still pending for next week.

Frequent cleaning by staff of surfaces including doorknobs, desks, and computer keyboards will continue during the school day. The bus drivers will continue to wipe down seats and hand railings between bus runs. Students and staff are encouraged to use the Purell sanitizer dispensers available throughout the schools and to wash their hands often.

Please remember that tomorrow, Wednesday, October 28, is a scheduled early dismissal day for students and staff district-wide.

Thank you.

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