

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school gladly supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of Texas. The following students will be screened for:

Vision

- Distance acuity for all students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.
- If your child requires corrective lenses, please make sure they have them at school on their screening day.

Hearing

- Hearing screening for all students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Health Appraisals

- Height and weight data will be gathered privately for students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Acanthosis Nigricans

- A change in texture and discoloration on the back of the neck can indicate the presence of high levels of insulin in the blood stream. Discovery of this marker can aid in the early detection of Type II diabetes. All students receiving any portion of the health screening will have the back of their neck examined. No special clothing requirements are necessary.

A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screening done at school that would cause concern or need medical follow-up. You may deny any or all of the above screenings for religious reasons by filling out a religious affidavit and turning it in to our office no later than **Friday, October 17th, 2014**. Please email Jennifer.Brandon@umeprep.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Screening Dates:

- **Monday, 10/20/14- 7th grade**
- **Tuesday, 10/21/14- 1st and 3rd**
- **Wednesday, 10/22/14-
Kindergarten, 5th & 7th**
- **Thursday, 10/23/14-
Kindergarten**

Thank you for partnering with us,

Jennifer Brandon, BS, LVN
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