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HEALTH BRIEFS - SEPTEMBER

EASE YOUR CHILD BACK INTO SCHOOL

Establishing a normal school routine can be hard for children of any age after the long lazy days of summer. Dr. James H. Bray, a family psychologist and associate professor of family and community medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, offers the following tips to help make going back to school a less stressful experience for children and parents.

- Get kids into the school mode early. Many children have a summer schedule that includes staying up late and sleeping in. Kids need at least a week before school starts to get back into the school schedule.
- · Develop a plan. Doing things like buying supplies and clothes, and finding out about schedules and teachers in advance, rather than waiting to the last minute, helps reduce stress for parents and kids.
- Talk with children about their fears and concerns and do some advance problem solving and planning.-Get involved with your child's school by getting to know the teacher and discussing their expectations.
- Talk to your children about what they want to accomplish and get out of their school year. Discuss their academic and social goals, but emphasize balance.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST SHOULD INCLUDE EYE EXAM

Preparing for the start of a new school

year? Remember to get a new backpack, paper and pencils, and get your children's vision screened as part of their back-toschool checklist.

"Poor vision can interfere with learning, school performance, participation in sports and other activities, as well as self esteem," said Dr. Kimberly Yen, assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and an ophthalmologist at Texas Children's Hospital.

Yen said if parents know that eye problems run in their family or if they suspect problems, it is especially important that their child receive eye exams regularly. All children should have their eyes examined, as part of their well-child check ups and children who exhibit no signs of visual problems should have their vision screened by age 3.

Good eye care should also include wearing protective eyewear during sports activities. Children who play basketball, baseball and racquet sports are more susceptible to eye injuries. Sports goggles can significantly reduce the likelihood of potentially sight damaging injuries. Good vision not only helps children develop in the classroom, but it teaches them the life-long value of regular vision screenings.

STUDENT ATHLETES' HEALTH STARTS OFF THE FIELD

Even though it is students who will be taking the field as extracurricular school activities begin, doctors at Baylor College of Medicine say parents play an important role in keeping their kids safe. Family health history, especially heart illnesses, is important information for doctors to know during an exam, said Dr. John Rogers, professor of family and community medicine at BCM.

A certain type of heart murmur and rapid heart beats can be detected during a physical, but the exam can't determine if past family members have heart problems or if anyone has died suddenly due to a cardiac problem. Being armed with that information helps doctors know whether the student-athlete should undergo an echocardiogram or ultrasound for a more in-depth examination.

Parents' knowledge of their child's previous injuries can also be helpful. Teens may downplay an injury, because they don't want it to prevent them from taking part in their favorite sport. However, a parent might remember lasting effects that will help doctors determine the severity of the injury.

Rogers said other issues that cannot be detected during a physical are lightheadedness or shortness of breath that is not

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proportionate to the exertion level of the activity. Parents should keep an eye out for these issues and let their doctor know at the time of the physical exam.

TEENS BENEFIT BY MAKING TIME FOR BREAKFAST

Teens who start their day without breakfast are twice as likely to have diets low in iron - a shortfall that could be hurting their grades. "Breakfast supplies more than just the energy kids need to get through the morning," said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Teens who eat breakfast are also two to five times more likely to consume at least two-thirds the recommended amounts of most vitamins and minerals, including iron."

Iron-deficiency anemia has long been known to have a negative affect on behavior and learning. Eating breakfast has been linked to improved memory, grades, school attendance and punctuality in children. In addition, intakes of other vitamins and minerals, including zinc, calcium, and folic acid, are higher among breakfasteaters, while fat consumption is lower.

"It's important for parents to realize that the nutrients teens miss when they're allowed to skip breakfast are rarely recouped during other meals," said Nicklas, also a researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center.

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To find out more about Omar, please contact Grace Lindgren, LMSW, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, at the Adoption Coalition of Texas (512) 810-0813 or gracelindgren@adopttexas.org. Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group. To learn more about the foster care adoption process, please call the Adoption Coalition of Texas at (512) 301-2825, email info@adopttexas.org and visit our website at http://www.adoptioncoalitiontx.org

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Immunizations

Not Just for Kids

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VACCINE

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

INFLUENZA:

Yearly, especially if at risk

MENINGOCOCCAL:

One dose, age 11-12 or 13-18 if not

previously immunized

TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS -DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS: One dose, age 11-12, then booster

every 10 years

Three doses, age 11-26

HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS: (FEMALES ONLY)

MEASLES - MUMPS - RUBELLA:

If born after 1956, one or two doses if never immunized up to age 65

PNEUMOCOCCAL:

One dose, at or after age 65

VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX):

Two doses if no prior infection or

immunization received

ZOSTER (SHINGLES): One dose, at or after age 60

Specific recommendations for individuals may vary depending on age, prior immunization history and the presence of other existing conditions; please see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ recs/schedules/default.htm.

For more information about immunizations and where to get them, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the CDC's Web Site at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

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Although most toddlers in

the United States have received all

recommended vaccines, many adults

and adolescents have not. These missed vaccinations increase their risk for

infection, hospitalization, death, and

disease spread, and they contribute to the estimated \$10 billion that is spent

annually on vaccine preventable diseases

Evidence shows that currently approved

vaccines are safe and effective. However, coverage rates for persons of all ages vary

nationwide. Reasons cited include lack of health insurance, unfamiliarity with

vaccine recommendations, limited access

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Recipe of the Month

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- 1 Onion, chopped
- ¼ Cup oleo
- ¼ Cup flour
- 6 cans chicken broth
- 3-4 chicken breasts; cooked and chopped
- 2 4 oz. cans chopped green chilies
- 1 can diced Rotel tomatoes or 1 can diced tomatoes
- 2 T chili powder
- 2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 T Cumin
- 8 Corn tortilla chips, cut up
- 2 chopped avocados
- shredded Monterey Jack Cheese

Combine oleo and flour. Brown. Add broth, tomatoets, chilies, chicken, chili powderr, cumin, garlic salt. Simmer for 1 hour. Saute onion and chips. Add to soup. Pour over cheese and avocados. Optional: Add sour cream.



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When the beloved garden center, Pots & Plants closed its doors- several flamingos were injured in the move. You can help them return for the best care in town at The Hospital at Westlake by donating \$15. ALL profit in July, August and September benefits Colin's Hope. You can add to The Hospital at Westlake's flock, or start your own flock at home. Visit www.westlakemedical.com for more details or stop in The Hospital's Waterfall Café, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Building L, level 3 to sponsor your flamingo. Spread the word on Facebook and raise even more funds for Colin's Hope!

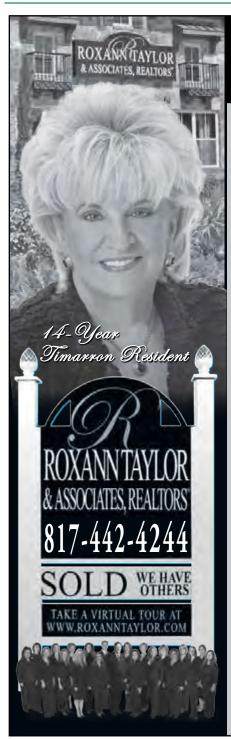
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OurGift.Org™ has chosen Colin's Hope as one of the charities that will benefit from donations in September. Please visit www.ourgift.org to learn more and sign up to receive the daily deals from local businesses. It's a great way to help prevent childhood drowning! You get a great deal, a local business is supported and Colin's Hope will get a donation! Follow them on Twitter @ourgiftlists and find them on Facebook at http://www.tinych.org/ourgift

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1321 Province Lane	\$1,175,000	607 Aberdeen Way	\$664,900	2213 Collins Path	\$529,900	718 Nettleton Drive	\$350,000
402 Atherton Circle	\$1,149,000	517 Villa Crossing	\$645,000	1122 Longford Circle	\$500,000	943 Midland Creek Drive	\$340,000
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