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Speech/Language, Vision, and Hearing Screenings

As the Speech-Language Pathologist for Ringwood Public Schools, I will be screening many students' speech, language, and hearing abilities throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Student's vision will be screened in cooperation with Vizavance.

During the first few weeks of school, I will be screening the speech and language skills of all Pre-Kindergarten students, new students to the district, and students who have been previously screened and have had speech and/or language errors. A speech/language screening involves talking with each child for a few minutes to assess language abilities and articulation skills. Grammar and vocabulary are also informally screened to determine if his/her abilities are within normal limits for the student's age and/or grade level. If the speech/language screening does not clearly indicate skills within normal limits, the parent will be contacted and written permission will be needed before further testing can be completed.

Hearing screenings will start August 2018 for all grades, Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth grade. If a child does not pass the hearing screening, he/she will be rescreened two weeks later. Many times hearing is normal after colds, allergies, or medications have run their course. If a child fails the hearing rescreening, a letter will be sent home to the parents.

Vision screening will be scheduled with Vizavance on November 7, 2018 for all grades, Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth grade. If a child fails the vision screening, his/her parents will be notified by Vizavance. If your child currently wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school on the day of the vision screening.

IF ALL SCREENINGS ARE PASSED, YOU WILL <u>NOT</u> BE CONTACTED. If you do not wish for your child to participate in any of the screenings, or if you have questions or concerns regarding any screening procedure, please call me at (580) 883-2203 extention 139.

Screenings of any type can be done throughout the school year at the elementary, middle, or high school buildings at parent or teacher request. Our goal at Ringwood Public School is to detect and minimize any speech, language, vision, and/or hearing problem, which might interfere with your child's best learning experience. We are here to serve you and your child.

Thank you so much,

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