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Dear sixth grade Thunderbird family,

On Monday, August 21st and Tuesday August 22nd, all of our sixth grade students will complete the vision, hearing and Scoliosis screening process as required by Florida Statute. In year's past, schools were required to gain permission from parents prior to completing the Scoliosis portion of the screening. However, the State of Florida now includes the Scoliosis screening as part of the regular screening process.

Affecting only 2% of the population, the ideal time to screen for Scoliosis takes place while most children are in the sixth grade. Most commonly found in young girls, boys and adults can also have scoliosis. We all have curves in our spines, but scoliosis causes the spine to curve in the wrong direction. The screening test is very simple and takes just a minute. Students will be asked to bend forward so that their back can be observed. The screening is completed by trained and licensed nurses. Students are screened on a one on one basis and are never asked or required to disrobe in any manner.

The results including any concerns will be shared with you in September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are aware of the challenges parents have experienced in getting through to us; we have a new phone system that is not yet fully functional. However, Email works great with both my and the Sixth Grade House's new extensions and Email addresses below.

Sincerely,



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