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Dear Friends School Families:

I am writing as an update to the October 28th letter from Teacher Drew regarding H1N1. Our absentee rate in October was less than 1%. This week absenteeism is hovering at between 17% and 18%, which is higher than what we normally see during the fall.

The majority of parents are reporting their child/ren continue to have flu like symptoms, high fevers, coughs, muscle aches and fatigue. These symptoms seem to last for at least three days, with a few lasting as long as ten days.

Please know that our Maintenance Department and Faculty are and will continue to take extra measures to ensure all areas are disinfected, however, we also need your cooperation.

- **Students with elevated temperatures of 100 degrees and or flu like symptoms should stay at home. They must remain at home for 24 hours after their temperature has returned to less than 99 degrees, and other symptoms are resolved, without the aid of Motrin, Tylenol or Advil. The same protocol should be followed if sent home ill.**

Working together we are hopeful that the health and wellness of our students will return to a more normal and acceptable level.

Carol Hummel, R.N.
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