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Governor's Proclamation Acknowledges Physicians Teaching Middle School Students

Newark, DE – Governor Jack Markell has proclaimed November 14th through 18th, 2011 “Healthy Living Week.”

During this week Medical Society of Delaware (MSD) member physicians will travel to 17 Delaware middle schools and provide 30-minute educational presentations to seventh graders on health-related topics, including physical health, mental health and safety, and social health.

Because decisions and patterns of behavior adopted at a young age have been shown to impact health status in later life, the MSD School Health Committee of volunteer physicians created Healthy Living Week in 2007 to complement the education of seventh-grade students on health issues.

“Seventh grade is an important time in a young person’s life. He or she gains independence and begins making more decisions for him or herself. We are very excited to be able to play a part in helping Delaware students form the attitudes and habits that will result in healthy lifestyles for years to come,” said Nancy Fan, M.D., chair of MSD’s School Health Committee.

Annually supported by school district superintendents, the presentation given during Healthy Living Week is an opportunity for students to learn about health issues, as well as ask questions of the participating physicians in the classroom setting.

MSD links the interested schools with MSD School Health Committee physicians to provide this important health education for students.

Participating middle schools are: Alfred G. Waters, Bayard, Beacon, Calvin R. McCullough, Everett Meredith, Gauger-Cobbs, George Read, H. B. DuPont, Henry C. Conrad School of Science, Louis L. Redding, Mariner, Seaford, Shue-Medill, Skyline, Smyrna, Stanton, and W.T. Chipman.

MSD wishes to thank the following physicians who are participating in the 2011 Healthy Living Week activities by giving their time to educate our students: School Health Committee Chairperson Nancy Fan, M.D., Elsayed Abdelsalam, M.D., Michael Axe, M.D., Balu Athreya, M.D., Tony Bianchetta, M.D., Michelle Cooper, M.D., Kate Cronan, M.D., Allen Friedland, M.D., Amanda Kay, M.D., Stephen Lawless, M.D., John Ludwicki, M.D., Sangita Modi, M.D., Carol Owens, M.D., Nancy Petit, M.D., Jenna Seiff, M.D., and Kirsten Smith, M.D.

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