

Dear Parents,

We are writing about an exciting opportunity for collaboration between our students at Crossroads and the 1<sup>st</sup> year medical students at the Geisel School of Medicine. During the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, the medical students will be introduced to the care of the pediatric patient and we are looking for student-parent volunteers to participate.

The Crossroads student and parent would receive a brief “script” or story to “play.” In the story, the student would be coming in to DHMC (at the simulation center) for a routine visit and the parent would bring up the “concern” that their son or daughter is having, such as difficulty at school because of inattention and being easily distracted (fidgeting, staring out the window) and not completing all their assignments.

The medical student will be taking the medical history about this concern and performing a very focused exam (checking the head, ears, nose, and mouth; listening to the heart; and checking strength and reflexes of the extremities). Of course, you can be assured there would be no shots(!) and the Crossroads student could decline any part of the exam (e.g. if they don’t want the medical student looking in the ears, that’s ok). Parents will be permitted to accompany their child at all times, and will be included in the medical history and exam process.

We anticipate this will be an incredibly meaningful learning opportunity for the medical students, as they’ll have a chance to interact with and get information from a school age child (something they don’t get much practice with). We also believe it will be a lot of fun and worthwhile for the school age child. They’ll learn more about the care that takes place at “check-ups” and observe (and participate in) the instruction the faculty gives the medical student. They’ll have the opportunity to ask questions about the visit and also about medical school.

We are looking for volunteers the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> on Monday 3/19, Tuesday 3/20, Wednesday 3/21, and Thursday 3/22 from 3pm-7pm. Please let us know if you are interested and able to attend (and for which day—you’d be welcome for just one day, or multiple days if you are interested).

If you have any questions, you can email me at [Adam.R.Weinstein@hitchcock.org](mailto:Adam.R.Weinstein@hitchcock.org), and/or if you and your child(ren) are interested in participating please email me at the same address.

Best wishes and thank you for considering this opportunity.

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