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Dear Parents & Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that a mild case of atypical chickenpox (also known as breakthrough varicella) has been confirmed at Welder Elementary. Chickenpox is a contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV).

Chickenpox is spread the same way as the common cold. Person-to-person direct contact with liquid blisters and respiratory secretions can transmit the disease. Disease in vaccinated children can be mild or absent of fever with few lesions, which may not be blister-like.

Please watch for signs of atypical chickenpox:

- Slight Fever or no fever
- Rash consisting of small fluid-filled blisters that may appear first on the head and spread to the body.

Keep any child who has symptoms of chickenpox home until all of the blisters have crusted over. This usually takes at least 7 days from the first day of rash. Consult your child's physician with any questions and concerns. Any pregnant women or those with weakened immune system who have been exposed should also consult with their physician.

If your child contracts chickenpox, please notify the school nurse.

Thanks for your cooperation.

With Care,

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