

# West Blocton Middle School



“Where Believing  
Means Succeeding”

## Student-Parent Handbook

2007 – 2008

West Blocton Middle School  
4721 Truman Aldrich Parkway  
West Blocton, Alabama 35184

Terry D. McGee, Principal  
Eric Hiott, Assistant Principal  
Julia Sosebee, Counselor

Telephone 205-938-2451  
Facsimile 205-938-3261  
[www.bibbed.org/wbms](http://www.bibbed.org/wbms)

**pdfMachine** - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!

**Get yours now!**

“Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's” A.Sarras - USA

# West Blocton Middle School

## Mission Statement

2006 – 2007

It is the mission of the faculty and staff of West Blocton Middle School to provide a safe and disciplined school which provides education of the highest quality to all students.

This student handbook is intended to provide useful information about our school. Please review this information carefully with your child. Additional information may be found on our website, and from other sources such as the *Bibb County Schools Code of Conduct and Related Student Policies*.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

## Faculty and Staff

Principal	Terry D. McGee
Assistant Principal	Eric Hiott
Counselor	Julia Sosebee
5th Grade	Lynn Hobson
5th Grade	Julie Maynard
5th Grade	Amy Grindle
5th Grade	Jennifer Browning
6th Math	Joanna Lowe
6th Science	Joan Sellers
6th Lang. Arts	Anne Stone
6th Soc. Studies	Robin Tiggs
7th Lang. Arts	Amanda Hood
7th Science	Teresa Smotherman
7th Math	Kelly Crawford
7th Soc. Studies	Tameeker Wilson
8th Soc. Studies	Tim Hayes
8th Science	Katina Patridge
8th English	Angela Thompson
8th Math	Henry Xu
Library / Media	Pat Locke
Reading Lab	Renee Bureson
Phys. Ed.	Charles Peterson
Phys. Ed.	Steve Preston
Special Ed.	Stacia Bolton
Special Ed.	Casey Moore
Special Ed.	Michael Goldforb
Para Aide	Melissa Bearden
P.E. Aide	Lavone Elliott
Para Aide	Cathy Franklin
Para Aide	Brenda McRee
Bookkeeper	Karen Deerman
Secretary	Tammy Donner
Custodian / 12 mo.	Jennifer Shine
Custodian / 9 mo.	Dean Carver
Nurse	Lynn Lee
CNP Manager	Barbara Reese
CNP	Lannie Stewart
CNP	Wendy Hall
CNP	Norma Hicks
CNP	Katina Lawley

**pdfMachine** - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

## **Attendance**

Beginning with the '06-'07 school year, there will be 180 instructional days for students. The school day begins at 7:45 am and ends at 3:05 pm. A student may be rewarded for Perfect Attendance or Outstanding Attendance. PERFECT attendance is defined as: the student met all class periods for the entire period, all year. Any absence that is school related and approved by the Board of Education or designee will not be counted as an absence. OUTSTANDING attendance is defined as: the student had no absences for the school year (met state requirements of being present at least half of each day of school) and did not check in late or check out early more than three (3) times each semester. A school day absence is non-attendance for more than 50% of the regularly scheduled school day. All student absences must be recorded as excused or unexcused. A student may be excused for the following reasons:

- 1] Student is too ill to attend school.
- 2] Inclement weather as determined by the school superintendent.
- 3] Legal quarantine.
- 4] Death in the immediate family.
- 5] Emergency conditions as determined by the school superintendent.
- 6] Prior permission by school principal with mutual consent of parent/guardian.

Please consider the following statements related to school attendance.

- Alabama's middle schools face accountability standards for student attendance.
- A parent or guardian must explain the cause of every absence.
- The parent/guardian's written explanation must be received within 3 days of student's return to school.
- A parent/guardian may excuse a child only 5 days per semester (10 days/year).
- Students who exceed 20 unexcused absences for the school year will not receive credit.
- Any student who has 3 or more unexcused absences shall be reported to the Attendance Officer.
- The principal and the Attendance Officer shall adhere to Bibb County Board of Education policy on truancy when filing complaints/petitions against the parent/guardian with Juvenile Court.

## **Book bags**

Only clear or mesh book bags are permissible, and they should be kept in student lockers during the school day. Book bags may not be taken into classrooms without prior consent of the teacher or principal.

## **2007 – 2008 School Calendar**

8/6/07 Institute: Brent Elementary School-All Personnel

8/7/07 Teacher In-Service at Local Schools

8/8/07 Work Day at Local Schools

8/9/07 First Day for Students

8/07 DIBELS Testing (During first 20 days of school calendar)

9/3/07 Labor Day Holiday

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

9/17-21/07 Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)  
10/15/07 District-wide In-service Day  
10/24/07 Parent Visitation Day - Regular School Day  
11/12/07 Veteran's Day Holiday  
11/19-23/07 Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holidays  
12/07 DIBELS Testing (During 80-100 days of school calendar)  
12/3-7/07 Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)  
12/19/07 First Term Exams Begin 12/20/07 First Term Exams End (End of Fall Term)  
12/20/07 Christmas Holidays Begin at 3:00 p.m.  
1/3/08 Teacher Work Day  
1/4/08 Teacher In-Service at Local Schools  
1/7/08 School Re-Opens for Students  
1/21/08 MLK Holiday  
2/6/08 Parent Visitation Day - Regular School Day  
2/21-28/08 Alabama District Assessment of Writing (Grades 5, 7, and 10)  
2/15/08-3/28/08 ACCESS Testing  
3/3-7/08 Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)  
3/21/08 Weather Day  
3/24/08-4/11/08 Alabama Alternate Assessment  
3/31/08-4/11/08 Stanford Achievement Test  
3/31/08-4/11/08 Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test  
4/9-22/08 Alabama Science Assessment (Grades 5 and 7)  
4/14-18/08 Spring Break  
5/08 DIBELS Testing (During days 150-170 of school calendar)  
5/21/08 Second Term Exams Begin  
5/22/08 Second Term Exams End (Last Day for Students)  
5/23/08 Work Day for All Personnel

### **Check-in/check-out of students**

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians are asked to complete a form listing the names of those who have permission to come to the school and check out their child. In order for the child to leave campus, one of the adults on the authorization form must come into the school office and sign the child out. Photo identification may be required.

Students arriving after 8:00 am must have a parent/guardian come into the school office to sign the student check-in file.

Parents, please make a genuine effort to keep check-ins/check-outs to an absolute minimum.

### **Classroom Visitation / Parent Volunteers**

Parents, grandparents, guardians, guests, and other visitors are always welcome at WBMS. All parents and guests, including salespersons, vendors, and other board employees are asked to stop by the front office to sign in and receive a temporary ID badge.

Parents and grandparents wishing to volunteer their time and services to WBMS are encouraged to do so. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please see the school

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

secretary/receptionist to get your name on the Volunteer List. The school principal, working together with the faculty, will determine areas and times when parent volunteers are needed, and will then get in touch with those volunteers.

Parents or guardians desiring a conference with their child's teacher(s) should email the teacher, or call the school office, to schedule a conference time - preferably during the teacher's planning period, before, or after school. Students' privacy and confidentiality rights, along with the goal of minimizing interference with classroom instruction, prohibits unannounced or drop-in visits from parents or other guests without the consent of the principal. It is the responsibility of school and central office administrators to evaluate and supervise classroom teachers and to ensure student safety and discipline in the classrooms.

### **Discipline**

- All students are expected to behave.
- All students are charged with the responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to good citizenship everywhere.
- Student conduct shall be founded on the basic concept of respect and consideration for the rights of others.

### **Dress Code**

- It is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to monitor the dress of their children to ensure compliance with the Bibb County Board of Education Student Dress Code.
- The school principal shall determine if a student's dress and appearance comply with the Student Dress Code should questions arise.
- Violations of the Student Dress Code are Class II offenses of the Code of Student Conduct.

#### **Bibb County Board of Education Student Dress Code (File: JCDB)**

- 1] Students must be neatly dressed, clean and well-groomed while at school.
- 2] Shoes or sandals must be worn at school. **HEELYS ARE PROHIBITED. FLIP-FLOPS ARE PROHIBITED!** House shoes and bedroom slippers are also prohibited.
- 3] Hair must be clean, free of head lice or nits, well-groomed, not in the eyes, and of a length not dangerous around equipment.
- 4] With the approval of the principal, activity sponsors may establish different rules for dress and grooming as a prerequisite for membership and participation in specific activities.
- 5] Hats, head wear, head bands, rags, hoods, or other head coverings, **INCLUDING** sunglasses are not to be worn inside school buildings or while riding school buses, unless prior approval from administrators has been granted for medical reasons or designated activities.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

- 6] Length of shorts, skirts, and dresses will be determined by measure of “arm’s length” with extended fingers. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be below finger-tips when standing.
- 7] Students must secure loose pants around the waist to prevent “sagging.” Boys must wear belts fastened at the waist with the shirttail tucked inside the pants except for sweatshirts or sweaters that are no more than five (5) inches below the waist.
- 8] Tight fitting spandex-type shorts or body suits, such as bicycle shorts or leotards, must not be worn as outer garments at school.
- 9] Halters, cut-off or see-through shirts and blouses, tank tops, mesh shirts, spaghetti strap blouses, shirts, blouses or pants that expose the mid portion of the body, undergarments worn as outer garments or any other clothing that is determined to be too tight and revealing, suggestive or disruptive shall not be worn at school.
- 10] Clothing or paraphernalia with slogans, flags, pictures or writings which are obscene, offensive, suggestive, controversial or which promote affiliation, activities or products prohibited by the Code of Student Conduct shall not be permitted at school, such as, gangs, gambling, obscenity, profanity, etc.
- 11] Clothing or paraphernalia with slogans, graphics or pictures that refer to alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco shall not be worn at school.
- 12] Clothes with holes above the knee are not to be worn to school.
- 13] Book bags are permitted at school for students in grades K-8 at the discretion of the principal.
- 14] Trench coats or other type long coats shall not be worn in the school building.
- 15] Boys shall not wear earrings or other body-piercing jewelry at school. Girls shall not wear any body-piercing jewelry except earrings at school.

The West Blocton Middle School faculty and staff have extended the guidelines of the Student Dress Code to include the following bulleted items:

- Girls may only wear one pair of earrings, and that one pair is to be worn in the lower part of the ear.
- Chains may not be worn as an adornment to clothes; nor should any student carry a chain. Reasonable and conventional watch or wallet fobs are permissible.
- Shorts worn to class and to school must have an inseam of no less than 4 inches, or reach mid-thigh both in front and in back.
- Students may not wear trousers or pants with an excessive inseam length at school.
- Skirts and dresses must extend beyond arm’s length with extended fingers as indicated in Item #6 in the Student Dress Code. If there appears to be any question regarding the length, then it is too short, and may not be worn at school.
- Temporary or removable “Grills” or “Grill Teeth” are prohibited.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

“Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's” A.Sarras - USA

- Pacifiers or teething rings are prohibited.
- Pajamas, pajama bottoms, or other similar lounge wear are prohibited.
- Decorative or non-corrective designer contact lens, such as zombie eyes, zebra eyes, animal eyes, pinwheel eyes, striped eyes, etc., are prohibited.
- HEELYS ARE PROHIBITED.

### **Donations**

Your donations are greatly appreciated, and we thank you for supporting West Blocton Middle School. Our auditors prefer that you have a written understanding of how you expect your donation to be expended. You may make a classroom donation whose purpose is indicated by the homeroom teacher's supply list. If you are not certain, ask the homeroom teacher. You are encouraged to make donations to any aspect of our program. Individuals have made donations to classrooms, to science laboratories, for technology, and for library books, among other uses. Occasionally, we have had to ask the donor to furnish a brief statement of how they expected the school to spend the funds. Please be patient with us as we attempt to comply with examiners' requests.

### **Energy conservation**

The Bibb County Board of Education is taking reasonable steps to reduce the energy consumption at the local schools. The thermostat settings for air conditioning this year may be higher than in previous years, while the thermostat settings during the heating season may be lower. The faculty and staff of West Blocton Middle School will make every effort to comply with the energy conservation guidelines. Please discuss with your child and his/her teacher the appropriate dress for comfort if we should experience extreme outdoor temperatures during the cooling and heating seasons. For instance, during the warm months of August and September, your child may be more comfortable in shorts than in pants.

### **Field Trips**

Participation in field trips is encouraged by the administration of West Blocton Middle School. Parents/guardians and students should understand that participation in a field trip is a privilege that has been offered as an enrichment to the curriculum. The principal will not allow field trip sponsors to extend participation to any student who, in the professional opinion of faculty and staff, might jeopardize the relationship of West Blocton Middle School and the host site. Please note that field trips must be scheduled in advance, and that payment deadlines are required for auditing purposes. Due to the nature of advance reservations, and state auditing standards, refunds are not permissible.

### **Guidance Counselor**

The mission of West Blocton Middle School's counseling and guidance program is to prepare every student socially, academically, and emotionally for present and future challenges. Students are provided with opportunities to gain an understanding of self and others, to participate in educational and occupational exploration, and to pursue career planning opportunities in an environment that is safe, caring, and encouraging. Counselors work in collaborative partnerships with students, educators, parents, and community members to empower students to reach their highest level as productive members of society.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

## **Gum**

Chewing gum is not allowed on West Blocton Middle School property. Gum chewing is prohibited by administrators, teachers, support staff, students, and visitors. .

## **Hallways**

When passing in the corridors, students should keep to the right to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Students should not be speaking any louder than a whisper while in the halls if classes are in session. Students who have permission to travel the hall corridor should take a direct route to their destination and return promptly. Classes should not be disturbed in any way.

## **“Helping Schools” automobile tags**

Please consider purchasing ‘Helping Schools’ tags for your automobiles, and designate the proceeds from the purchase to benefit West Blocton Middle School.

## **Inappropriate Behavior**

Basic to all organizations, including schools, is a set of rules and regulations that provide for its orderly operation. Rules of student conduct deal with how students should conduct themselves at school. All students have a right to learn without interference by others. Any conduct and/or behavior which are disruptive to the orderly educational process will not be permitted.

- Each classroom teacher will deal with general classroom disruption by taking in-class disciplinary action.
- Continued interference shall result in the teacher making a personal call to the parent/guardian, scheduling a parent conference, or referral to the school counselor.
- If the teacher’s or counselor’s actions -including parental notifications- are ineffective, or the disruption is severe, the student shall be referred to the principal.
- Violations of the Student Code of Conduct are grouped into four classifications of offenses. Each classification is followed by disciplinary actions to be implemented by the principal or designee.

## **Lockers**

Student lockers are school property, and are available for student use for a \$6 annual fee. Presently, the rental fee is being used to upgrade the lockers. The metal lockers have a built-in combination lock for security. Students should not have anything hanging out of their closed locker door. Generally, students tend to try to keep far too many articles inside their lockers. Parents, please consider occasional visits to your child’s locker to ensure that it is being used for the intended purpose.

- Students may not share lockers.
- Students must safeguard their locker combination to prevent unwanted access.
- Grade level teachers shall determine the times during the day for student access to lockers.
- Students who attempt to bypass the locking mechanism (rigging their lockers) shall forfeit their locker privilege for the remainder of the school year.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

“Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's” A.Sarras - USA

## **Meals**

West Blocton Middle School serves breakfast and lunch each day according to the Child Nutrition Program and the Bibb County School Wellness Policy. Meal charges for 2006-2007 are:

### Breakfast

- \$0.00 for free students who qualify
- \$0.30 for reduced price students who qualify
- \$1.00 for full price paying students
- \$1.50 for board employees
- \$2.00 for school visitors

### Lunch

- \$0.00 for free students who qualify
- \$0.40 for reduced price students who qualify
- \$1.75 for full price paying students
- \$2.25 for board employees
- \$2.75 for school visitors for regular school-day meals
- \$4.25 for school visitors for special holiday meals

It will be greatly appreciated if parents/guardians will keep at least a week's advance payment for student meals. Make your personal check payable to "WBMS" and put your child's name on the "for" line of the check with a dash (-) followed by "meals." **Place the check in an envelope with your child's name, homeroom teacher's name, and lunch number on the envelope.** Please note that it is necessary for you to send separate checks for each of your children. Also, please do not include any other amounts with the meals payment. A locker rental, or student agenda payment, for instance, requires a separate check.

No students will be allowed to eat "on credit". Any student who forgets his or her money, or has depleted his or her account, must report to the office for a lunch loan. The principal will personally loan the student enough money for the basic meal (no extras) and the student will be expected to pay the principal back the next day, or as soon as possible.

## **Medication Policy**

Please read carefully the Bibb County Board of Education Policy File: JGCDB. In general, students may not bring prescription or non-prescription medications to school.

Parents/guardians must bring to the school office, in an unopened container, any medication that his/her child shall take at school. Note that medications are not to be transported on a school bus.

## **Money and Valuables**

Please do not allow your child to carry large sums of money or expensive electronics or jewelry to school. Under no circumstances should money or valuables be left unattended. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

## **Office hours**

7:30 am to 4:00 pm each day that school is in session.

## **Off limits**

The following areas are off limits to students:

- Outside the building unless your teacher is present with the entire class.
- The gym unless it is your physical education period.
- The multiple-handicapped restrooms unless you have teacher supervision.
- The fifth/sixth grade hall for seventh and eighth grade students.
- The seventh/eighth grade hall for fifth and sixth grade students.
- The teacher workrooms on each hall (both 5/6 and 7/8).

## **Progress Reports and Report Cards**

Your child will receive a progress report at three weeks and six weeks of each nine week grade reporting period, and a report card at the end of each nine week grading period. Please contact the school office, principal, or counselor if your child “forgot to bring home” or “lost” his or her progress report or report card.

## **Promotion**

- Students in grades 5 & 6 must pass reading, language, math, and either science or social studies to be considered for promotion to the next grade.
- Students in grades 7 & 8 must pass English and math, and two of the remaining courses (science, social studies, and physical education), to be considered for promotion to the next grade.
- Students who exceed 20 unexcused absences for the school year will not be promoted to the next grade.

## **PTO**

The faculty and staff at WBMS overwhelmingly encourage and request all parents join the PTO. Please contact the school counselor, Julia Sosebee, for information on joining this organization and taking an active part in your child’s education!

## **Safety**

All students, faculty, staff, and visitors are asked to monitor and secure the safety of any and all individuals present at West Blocton Middle School by complying with the standards of safe behavior.

- The school is unlocked at 7:20 am each school day. Do not “drop-off” students before adults are available to supervise their conduct.
- If your child is not a bus rider, make sure that he/she is picked up each afternoon when the car riders are dismissed.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

“Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's” A.Sarras - USA

- All doors of the school, except the front door, are locked by 8:00 am each day. Please come in to the school office to check-in your child if you arrive after 8:00 am.
- All school visitors must obtain a visitor's pass before entering the school.
- Please do not drive onto the middle school campus during the school day.

### **Schedule**

7:20 Unlock doors, accept students into building, breakfast is served.  
 7:30 School office opens  
 7:45 First bell, students report to class  
 7:50 – 8:50 First period  
 8:54 – 9:44 Second period  
 9:48 – 10:38 Third period  
 10:42 – 12:57 Fourth period (lunch/exploratory block)  
 1:00 – 1:50 Fifth period  
 1:54 – 3:04 Sixth period (w/ afternoon break)  
 3:04 Car riders are dismissed  
 3:08 Bus riders are dismissed

### **Telephone**

School phones are provided by the Bibb County Board of Education for use by the faculty and staff. Should a student need to call home, the office counter phone is available to students -pending permission from office staff- and based on verification of actual student need.

Student use or possession of cell phones or linc phones is prohibited.

### **Tobacco use**

Parents, Guests, Employees, or Students shall not be permitted to smoke tobacco, use tobacco, or have tobacco in any form in their possession on the school grounds, in school buildings, when riding buses, or attending any school functions. All schools in the Bibb County School District are Tobacco-Free Zones. This includes all campus grounds, parking areas, and sporting events.

### **Transportation**

The faculty and staff of West Blocton Middle School recognize the following classifications of student arrival/departure:

- Bus riders
- Car riders
- Walkers

The administrators prefer that one method of transportation be utilized exclusively throughout the year. If there are circumstances that warrant a change in transportation, the parent/guardian is required to make that request in writing. Please do not call the school office to request changes in transportation for your child.

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

Students may not drive or park motorized vehicles on West Blocton Middle School property.

### **Weather – Early Dismissal of Students**

When inclement weather occurs, school officials will decide if school will be closed. The decision will be announced as soon as possible, and the school will use the automated phone dialer system to notify parents. Students will be transported by normal means, unless otherwise specified. Television stations in our coverage area will report emergency school closings.

### **Withdrawal**

If it becomes necessary for your child to attend another school, the parent/guardian will need to come to the school office to withdraw the student. It is greatly appreciated if at least one day's advance notice is provided via telephone. Upon withdrawal, all financial obligations of the student must be cleared. The parent/guardian will be given the student's blue immunization record card, and records will be forwarded pending the receiving school's request.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **Important Information on Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine From Dr. Joe Morton, State Superintendent of Education June 13, 2006**

*What is meningococcal disease?*

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years old in the United States.

*How do you catch the disease?*

The bacteria that cause meningococcal disease are very common. The disease is most common in children and people with certain medical conditions that affect their immune system. College freshman living in dormitories also have increased risk of getting the disease. The disease is spread through exchange of respiratory droplets or saliva with an

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA

infected person including kissing, coughing, sneezing, and sharing drinking glasses and eating utensils. In a few people, the bacteria overcome the body's immune system and pass through the lining of the nose and throat into the blood stream where they cause meningitis. Meningitis is a term that describes inflammation of the tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

*What are the symptoms of the disease?*

- Fever
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Red rash
- Drowsiness
- Nausea and vomiting

*Meningococcal vaccine: Who should get the vaccine and when?*

MCV4, or the meningococcal vaccine, is recommended for all children 11-12 years of age and for unvaccinated adolescents at high school entry (15 years of age). High school seniors should also consider obtaining the vaccine prior to entering college, especially if they are planning on living in a dormitory. Please consult your physician or local health department for more information.

For more information on this and other vaccine recommendations go to:

[www.adph.org/immunization](http://www.adph.org/immunization)

**pdfMachine - is a pdf writer that produces quality PDF files with ease!**

**Get yours now!**

"Thank you very much! I can use Acrobat Distiller or the Acrobat PDFWriter but I consider your product a lot easier to use and much preferable to Adobe's" A.Sarras - USA