



PRESTON

Employee
Anniversaries

Alexandra 8 yrs.
Ashley 7 yrs.
Shelby 5 yrs.
Krystal 3 yrs.
Erin F. 3 yrs.
Collette 3 yrs.
Glynis 1 yr.

April
Children's
Birthdays

Jaseion
Oliver
Reginald
James
Aaliyah
Ahrazi
Xavier
Cameron
Chad

Employee Birthdays

Markeeta 4/4
Heather C. 4/10
Amanda 4/22
Erin F. 4/25

**Employee of
the Month
Above and Beyond
ROBIN HARPER**

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March of Dimes fundraising continues.....						1 Painting with sun colors
2 Spring Break JCPS →	3 Easy Strider visits, Wear your favorite college basketball team	4	5	6 Kid Fit	7 Welcome Bellarmine Students	8 lentil flowers
9	10	11	12 drop everything & read (share your favorite book)	13	14 Music Therapy Welcome Bellarmine Students	15 mud sensory activity
16 Happy Easter	17 Bat Appreciation Day	18	19	20 Kid Fit	21 Welcome Bellarmine Students	22 fruit letter match
23	24 Pigs-in-a-blanket day	25 Library guest	26 Natl Kids & Pets Day	27	28 Music Therapy Welcome Bellarmine Students	29 fruit file folder game
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GENERIC DRUGS: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

What are generic drugs?

Generic drugs are usually lower cost alternatives of brand-name drugs that have the same active ingredient and dosage form and work in the same way as their brand-name counterpart. They may however, have a different size, color or shape because some of the non-drug ingredients (e.g. flavoring, coloring agents) may be different.

A generic drug is identical to a brand name drug in the following ways:

Dosage form	Route of administration
Safety	Quality
Strength	Performance characteristics
Intended use	



Why are generic drugs important?

The availability of generic drugs helps increase competition and lowers the cost of medications. Use of generic drugs may reduce your prescription insurance co-payment. Ask your pediatrician whether a generic alternative is available for your child's medication and if it is an appropriate alternative.

Why do brand-name drugs cost more?

Companies that produce brand-name medications invest money in the research, development, and marketing of new drugs. They price these drugs higher to recover some of these costs. New drugs are protected by patents from being produced in a generic form by other companies. When the patents or other periods of exclusivity on a brand-name drug expire, other companies may apply to the FDA to sell a generic version. Since generic drug makers do not develop a drug from scratch, the costs to bring the drug to market are less; therefore, generic drugs are usually less expensive than brand-name drugs.

What is the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval process for generic drugs?

All drugs, both brand and generic, approved by the US Food and Drug Administration must meet the same high standards for quality, strength, purity, and stability.

Are generic drugs as effective as brand-name drugs?

Yes. A generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in dosage, safety, strength, quality, the way it works, the way it is taken, and the way it should be used.

Is there a "generic" for every brand-name drug?

No, not every brand-name drug has a generic drug. When new drugs are first made they have drug patents. The patent, which protects the company that made the drug first, doesn't allow anyone else to make and sell the drug. When the patent expires, other drug companies can start selling a generic version of the drug. But, first, they must test the drug and the FDA must approve it.