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**Dear Parents and Patients of Amherst Pediatric Associates,**

**We have several very important announcements for 2012!**

**Amherst Pediatric Associates has a brand-new website. The new site is still at [www.amherstpediatrics.com](http://www.amherstpediatrics.com) but has been completely revamped. There are many new features including appointment requests, downloadable forms, access to the entire American Academy of Pediatrics' patient information collection, facebook, twitter, blogging and much more. We hope to add a patient portal as soon as possible.**

**The office has had a facelift! The waiting rooms have been redone and the entire office has received a fresh coat of paint. New chairs are in and new artwork can be seen in the exam rooms.**

**We have expanded our hours, as we want to make it as easy as possible for our patients to see one of our providers. We have started walk-in hours in the morning at 7 a.m. for sick patients. If your child is sick and you want him/her to be seen early in the morning, just come into the office between 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. (Monday through Friday) and be seen without an appointment. This timeslot is designed for acute illness visits that cannot wait for an appointment later in the morning. To be seen after 8 a.m., please still call for an appointment. Our phones open up at 7:30 a.m.**

**We have also started expanded evening hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The expanded hours will allow us to see more adolescent well visits and to also see ill patients until 8 p.m. Please call the office before 5 p.m. for an appointment or contact our on-call doctor after 5 p.m. These expanded evening hours are not walk in, but they still require an appointment.**

**Amherst Pediatric Associates has two new providers. Nicole Mackey is a nurse practitioner who joined our practice at the end of 2010. Jamie Hendrie is a pediatric nurse practitioner who started at our practice in October 2011. We are also in the process of recruiting another pediatrician for later this year.**

**Sincerely,**

**Amherst Pediatric Associates**