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Head Lice Information for Parents

Dear Parents or Guardians:

There are 8-10 million cases of head lice in our country yearly, but it is comforting to know that head lice are easily eliminated with relatively easy to use treatments. The following steps will help control the spread of this potential lice outbreak.

- Your child will be / has been screened by the School Nurse or designee.
- If eggs / active lice are noted, use an over-the-counter pediculicide for effective treatment.
- The School Nurse or designee will re-examine your child's scalp and hair 7 – 10 days after treatment.
- Isolate all clothing and linen; wash in hot water.
- Spray household furniture and carpeting with a lice control spray (Available in stores; Use according to manufacturers' directions).
- Wash hands (all household members) thoroughly, especially under the nails. (Scratching is one of the early warning signals).
- Discourage sharing combs, hats, barrettes and other personal items.
- **Your child may return to school the morning after he / she has been treated with a head louse shampoo.**

Remember, head lice are nothing to panic or be embarrassed about. Their presence is no way indicative of lack of cleanliness and they are easy to eliminate when observed and treated immediately.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concern please feel free to call the school nurse or your local Health Center.

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