



Reminder

We are sending this letter home to families to help increase head lice awareness in the community. Head lice are present year round. Cases commonly increase any time children come together, particularly at the start of the school year or any social grouping. *Routine head checks at home with your child* are the **first step** in preventing a head lice infestation. You can also help by encouraging your child not to share personal items such as brushes, combs, hats and hair accessories. We will continue to send home reminders throughout the school year.

Facts:

- Direct, physical, head-to-head contact is the usual method of head lice transmission.
- Lice do not jump, fly or swim, but are, however, good crawlers.
- They do not carry or transmit disease and therefore, are not considered a health threat.
- They are not a sign of being “dirty” or neglected

Head lice can be an annoyance, and treatment takes persistence. But by increasing awareness and following routine steps for prevention, we can all help the spread of head lice. For more information regarding head lice or its treatment, please feel free to contact the health assistant at the school, district nurse or your local health department. Thank you for your help and support.

REMEMBER:

Check Regularly – Treat Quickly
HELP KEEP HEAD LICE OFF YOUR CHILD!

Sincerely,

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