

Helen S. Dunn School
826-2000

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Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s),

There is an active population of head lice this year and our school is not exempt. We have discovered lice on a few of our students in several different grades.

We are constantly observing for lice issues and appreciate your help by checking your child/children regularly, as well. Here are some facts about head lice that may be helpful:

- Scratching is the most common sign that lice are present, especially if the child is scratching behind the ear and at the nape of the neck.
- When inspecting a child for lice part the hair into sections and make sure the room is well lit. Lice can be translucent or gray-brown in color, are the size of a sesame seed and move away from light. The lice eggs, called nits are usually gray in color, about the size of a poppy seed and stick to the hair shaft.
- Lice like ALL types of hair—clean, dirty and ALL colors.
- Lice don't jump or fly rather travel from person to person on clothing and hair accessories.

Remind your child not to share combs, brushes, hats, helmets or coats. Notify me if you know or suspect your child has lice or if you would like more information about lice.

Sincerely,

Leslie Jane Peterson RN, MPH
School Nurse