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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Head lice infestation is a fact of life and while not a serious medical issue, it is distressing nevertheless. Our goal is to put policies in place to identify, treat, and minimize the spread of head lice. Control of head lice depends on prompt diagnosis and effective treatment. Your help in inspecting your child at least weekly throughout the school year for the presence of head lice would be greatly appreciated. The school staff will do their part in minimizing risk for spread of head lice.

If a child is found by the school nurse to have head lice, then the parents will be called to pick up their child to be treated promptly. If a child is found to have nits (egg cases) with no live lice, the child may continue to stay in school, as nits cannot be spread from one child to another. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend routine screening for head lice by school nurses. This practice has not been shown to be effective at controlling head lice and keeps your child out of class unnecessarily. Information about head lice will be made available to you from the American Academy of Pediatrics and The National Association of School Nurses both on line and in hard copy at the school nurses office.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Nolfo
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