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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Infestation with head lice is a common occurrence in the school and community. School nurses check children for lice and exclude those who are infested. Your support is very important and highly appreciated in helping to control this problem. We highly recommend you to check your child's hair, clothes, and bedding everyday for any signs of lice or nits. If you would like to consult the school nurse during school hours for screening or checking, please feel free to call on Wednesdays. There has been a case of lice infestation discovered in our school community in the past week. Our school nurse has checked or will check the hair of all children in classrooms where lice were discovered or reported by families. Families of affected children have been or will be notified.

Adult lice are tan or grayish-white and the size of a sesame seed. The nits (eggs) are silver-gray in color and are attached to the hair. They cluster around the hairline at the back of the neck, around the ears, and across the front and top area of the head.

Infestation by lice causes frequent itching of the scalp. If you suspect that your child or any family member has been infested with head lice, you may contact your physician. There are several over-the-counter treatments for head lice available from your pharmacist. It has been found that it may take more than one treatment to destroy the infestation. Carefully follow the directions given on the package to ensure proper treatment. Do not use insecticides, gasoline or other home preparations on your child's hair. Shaving the hair is not necessary. Children with lice infestation may return to school after appropriate treatment.

After treatment, a special nit removal comb should be used to remove all nits (eggs) from the hair. One inch of hair should be combed at a time for successful removal of the nits. A long absence from school is not necessary.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jenkins