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Circle View School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Recently, we identified cases of head lice in classrooms at Circle View. Although the problem is not severe, we want to help prevent this situation from escalating. Some parents have expressed concern about this situation. We want you to know that we have been diligently checking classrooms; in an effort to screen for lice and notify parents if their child has been affected.

Please remember lice cuts across all socioeconomic groups. The presence of head lice does not indicate poor hygiene or lack of care and should not cause any embarrassment. In an effort to curb this problem, it is important for you as the parent to check your child's hair on a regular basis.

Guidelines to assist you in checking your child: Lice eggs (called nits) look like tiny yellow, tan, or brown dots before they hatch. Lice lay nits on hair shafts close to the skin's surface. Nits look sort of like dandruff, only they can not be removed by brushing or shaking them off. You can check for lice or nits by parting your child's hair into small sections and checking for lice and nits on the scalp, behind the ears, and around the nape of the neck.

Treatment:

Purchase an anti-lice shampoo and after shampooing, in a good light, remove by hand each tiny egg from the hair. A fine tooth comb will help, but it won't get them all. This step is very important because the shampoo does not always kill the eggs left on the hair. Check daily for nits and remove. Wash any clothing, sheets, pillowcases, combs and brushes, etc. used by your child recently in very hot water and dry on hot cycle for at least 20 minutes.. Do not share combs, brushes, towels, hats, jackets, and pillows. Any items that are unable to be washed or dry cleaned such as dolls, stuffed animals, etc. should be placed in a well-sealed plastic bag for two weeks. For items such as furniture, carpets, and mattresses that may have been exposed to lice, vacuum well and/or use an anti-lice spray. As a precaution, the anti-lice shampoo will need to be repeated in 7-10 days. And check every other family member often and treat if needed.

***** If you are aware that your child has this problem notify the school. Your child will not be readmitted to school until all lice and eggs have been removed and the nurse, health tech, or office staff have re-checked him/her. In an effort to limit this outbreak, it is so important for parents to communicate with the school so that we can, all, take the necessary precautions. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Jaquin
Principal