



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We have found active head lice at our school. Although a nuisance, head lice do not pose a health risk or transmit disease. They are shared by close contact. Pets do not carry head lice.

Please check the hair of all members in your household for head lice and/or nits (lice eggs) today, and for the next several days to make certain your child is lice free.

To check for head lice you need good lighting. Head lice are about the size of sesame seeds, crawl fast, and can move quickly through scalp hairs. Nits are yellowish to gray-white in color and are about the size of a pinhead. Nits attach to the hair shaft with a cement-like substance within a quarter-inch from the scalp. Usually, small clusters of nits are found around the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Nits found farther down the hair shaft are either dead or already hatched.

In the event your child has head lice, there are multiple treatment options available for purchase through retail stores. You may also contact your health care provider or county health department. Informational packets explaining treatment plans are available in Spanish and English at the school office.

Please contact your school if you have questions.

Thank you,

School Nurse