



## HEAD LICE NOTIFICATION and Policy

Dear Parents,

It is once again that time of the year when we have a problem with head lice. One of our students has them and we need your help to be sure they have not spread to other students. Please check your children's hair for nits (eggs) or the bugs. Nits look like dandruff or rice and attach to the hair and, unlike dandruff, they will not come off without a comb. Please inform the school if you find any.

If your child has head lice, they should not return to school until they have been treated and their hair is nit free. It often takes two or three treatments to rid the hair of nits. Please follow the directions on the shampoo to avoid burning of the scalp or other complications. Due to the fact that we do not have a school nurse, we ask that children sent home for treatment remain out of school for at least 24 hours to allow parents time treat their child multiple times and to do multiple checks to ensure their child is bud and nit free. Upon return to school, a staff member will check the child before admittance back into the classroom. Please remain at school with your child until that check is completed.

**Please note that anyone can become infested with lice regardless of standards of personal hygiene.**

Please teach your children the importance of not sharing hair brushes, combs, hair accessories, coats, hats, clothes, etc. with other children.

Your co-operation in this very important matter is appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Principal Philip Krueger