

Head Lice Alert

A few students have been found to have head lice in our school. I want you to be aware of this situation and be alert to the signs of infestation of head lice.

Head lice bites produce intense itching that is frequently the first sign of infestation. Look for droplet shaped dark eggs cemented to the hair shaft close to the head, especially at the base of the neck and around the ears. These nits (eggs) should not be confused with dandruff, which can easily be flicked off the hair. Nits are tightly cemented to the hair shaft and are very difficult to remove. Lice are small insects about the size of a sesame seed and are usually light brown. They move quickly and shy away from light.

I strongly encourage all parents to check their children for head lice on a regular basis. If you find lice, treat them with lice shampoo and check rest of family for lice. Clothing and bedding also needs to be washed.

Please call if any questions. Thanks of your help in controlling head lice!