To Parents/Guardians:

Head lice are a common “pesky” problem, especially amongst school-aged children. We would like to parents to be aware of cases of head lice that are detected at school, but not panic as they are transmitted from prolonged head-to-head contact. Casual contact (being in the same room, general area) is not how head lice are spread.

Please watch your child for the following symptoms:

- Please inspect your child’s head for the possibility of head lice. Look for small silvery nits fixed to the hair shaft, similar in appearance to dandruff, but not easily removed.
- Where nits have hatched, live lice may be seen.
- If nits or lice are found, please call your healthcare provider regarding appropriate treatment. Your child should stay home from school until they have been treated.
- Follow the directions for any medication carefully. Cream rinse and conditioners can decrease the effectiveness of the treatment.

During the school year, it is a good idea to check your child’s head weekly, or when he or she complains of having an “itchy” scalp. Talk to your child and remind him or her not to share or borrow combs, brushes, hats or scarves.

Please notify the School Health Office at the number below if your child is diagnosed with head lice.

Please call the school’s Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

__________________________, School Nurse