Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has been examined by the school nurse and appears to have head lice bugs and/or nits. Please carefully read the information and instructions below regarding our lice procedures.

 - Children found with signs and symptoms of head lice will be sent home and may not return until they have received the appropriate treatment and/or lice bugs and lice nits are removed from the hair. (Communicable Diseases policy SP 6.403)

- Please report with your child to the nurse’s office for a recheck upon initial return.

Children will not be permitted to reenter the classroom without being checked and cleared by the nurse or principal appointed designee.

- If upon return to school there is still evidence of live lice or if the number of nits present in the hair appears to be the same as upon the initial examination, the parent will be made aware and the student will not be permitted to return.

**The student will be allowed to return to class if:**

* **No live bugs are seen.**
* **The number of visible nits is significantly reduced and very few remain if any.**

*\* If only a few nits remain and they are easily removed, then school staff may remove them.*

*If there are still a large number of nits visible and/or they are not easily removed, then the*

*Student will not be allowed to return to the classroom.*

Our goal is to provide intervention at the school level to minimize the likelihood that lice will spread from one child to another. You can help the most by frequently checking your child and all household members for the next few weeks to ensure that all bugs and nits are gone. Please talk to your school nurse or pediatrician to determine the appropriate care and steps to take to successfully get rid of lice.

Sincerely,

Principal