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Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you that there are still active cases of head lice at the elementary school. Please inspect each of your children daily for signs of head lice.

Attached is an information sheet from the Minnesota Department of Health with information regarding detection and treatment. This information will also be posted on the school website.

Here at school, we are taking steps to be even more vigilant to prevent the host-to-host transfer of lice. We are aware that when some kids forget their hat and gloves at home, they go to the Lost and Found table to find some to wear. This will no longer be allowed. In the event that they do not have proper outerwear, they will stay in the office during recess and you will be notified that they did not have adequate clothing that day. Also, if a teacher notices your child scratching a lot, they will be sent to the nurse's office for examination. If lice or nits are seen, you will be called and asked to pick up your child and treat them immediately. Please keep in mind though, that live lice are hard to find and that just because they were examined here does not necessarily mean that they do not have any or that you do not need to examine them at home again, especially if they are scratching their head.

It is important to note that head lice can happen to anyone, and whoever comes in contact with head lice has to go through a rigorous process to get rid of them. If you find or suspect head lice, please call and notify the school. Let's work together to keep this condition under control.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Russ Lofthus
Principal