

### Lice Facts:

- \*Lice are not a health hazard or a sign of poor hygiene. Lice are not responsible for the spreading of any disease.
- \*Most cases of head lice originate outside of school. Lice is more commonly found on family members, overnight guests and playmates who spend a large amount of time together. The Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (2015) continues to recommend that a healthy child not be restricted from attending school because of head lice or nits (eggs). Children can finish the school day, be treated, and return to school the next day.
- \*The burden of unnecessary absenteeism to the students, families and communities far outweighs the risks associated with head lice (Center of Disease Control and Prevention, 2010)
- \*The best way to interrupt a chronic lice problem is with regular checks by parents and early treatment with a safe, affordable, over-the-counter medication containing 1% permethrin or pyrethrins.
- \*Once a family member is identified with head lice, all household members should be checked.
- \*While it's unlikely to prevent all cases of head lice, children should be taught not to share personal items such as combs, brushes, and hats. If a child attends a sleepover or camp, the parents should check their child before and after attending as they share close sleeping quarters (Academy of Pediatrics, 2010)

### School Lice Procedure For NBAPS:

- \*If head lice is discovered at school, the health office will call parents to inform them. Parents will determine whether or not to pick up the student immediately to begin treatment.
- \*Parent must treat student for lice the same day it is found.
- \*The next day, health staff will check the student for live lice before entering back into the classroom.
- \*If 3 or more cases of head lice are found in the same classroom, a letter notifying parents of the classroom will be sent home.

If you're concerned that your child may have head lice, please contact the health office for assistance: Early Childhood (674-1220) Sunrise (674-1107), Middle School (674-1308), High School (674-1507)