



Dear Families:

The PTA has secured the services of a professional lice consultant to conduct three school-wide lice checks this year. The PTA has also covered the cost of all three lice checks, so they will no longer be a cost to families!

Lice check dates:

October 4, 2019 Friday

January 10, 2020 Friday

May 8, 2020 Friday

Why are we checking for lice?

Lice are highly contagious, however, early detection can stop a school wide outbreak in its tracks! There have been numerous cases of lice in the school past years. These checks help keep them from spreading and becoming an infestation.

What happens if my child is found to have lice?

If your child is identified as having lice, you will be called to pick up your child so the condition will not spread further. You will be given a handout about what you need to do to thoroughly rid your child's head, your family, and home of lice and their eggs. You may also get information about receiving treatment from one of the lice experts who conduct the head checks. Your child will be re-checked on Monday (or Tuesday depending on the school calendar); please be prepared to pick your child up if lice are still present.

Are Nits and Lice the same thing?

Nits are lice eggs and look like tiny yellow, tan, or brown dots before they hatch. Nits look sort of like dandruff, only they can't be removed by brushing or shaking them off and do need to be treated. Lice eggs (aka nits) hatch within 8-9 days after they're laid.

The DOE's Policy on Lice vs. Nits

"Students will no longer be excluded if they have nits (lice eggs). Students with head lice will continue to be excluded until they are lice free. Excluded students will be examined for lice when they return to school and rechecked 14 days later to confirm that they remain free of lice."

Having lice is in NO WAY a reflection of the cleanliness of the home, but getting rid of them does require a concerted effort on the part of our whole community.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely, The PTA of PS 372

**PERMISSION SLIP for SCHOOL-WIDE LICE SCREENINGS
2019 – 2020**

Please return **no later than Tuesday, October 1st**. Include this form in an envelope marked: "2019 – 2020 PTA LICE CHECKS PERMISSION SLIP" via backpack. *Please be considerate of our community and screen your child!*

Child's name: _____

Teachers: _____

Class: _____

PERMISSION FOR ALL THREE LICE CHECK DATES

_____ **Please check my child at the school-wide lice checks.**

_____ **Please do not check my child at the school-wide lice checks.**

Please note, a child who is scratching her / his head excessively may be screened at the discretion of the lice consultants and teachers. If a child in a class is found to have lice, every child in that class will be checked.

_____ **I can volunteer to help the PTA on one or more lice check days!**

Name: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU,

The PTA of PS 372