



*"Where Kids
Come First!"*

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MEMO

To: Elk Hills School District Parents & Guardians
From: Scott Meier, Ed.D., Superintendent
Date: October 28, 2010
Re: Head Lice Check

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I want to inform you that Elk Hills School conducted a head lice check on all K-8 students over the past two days. A couple of cases were found and these parents have been notified and students will be receiving treatment before they will be able to return to school (per Ed. Code). As you may know, head lice has become more of a problem over the last few years. The number of children infested with head lice is increasing all across the country.

Control of head lice on our campus depends on prompt diagnosis and effective treatment. Your help in inspecting your child weekly throughout the school year for the presence of head lice would be greatly appreciated.

We suggest the following procedure for inspecting your child for head lice:

1. Under bright light begin looking at the back of the head just above the neck area.
2. Part the hair section by section and look closely for head lice or nits (eggs). Eggs will usually be located near the scalp.
3. Depending on the length and thickness of the hair, it should take between 5 and 15 minutes to properly inspect a child's head.

If you suspect your child is infested with head lice please notify the school. In addition, the entire family (yes, adults too) should be inspected for head lice as well. For information on how to treat your child's head lice infestation consult your family physician, a local pharmacist, or feel free to contact our school for recommendations. Information on controlling head lice can be found on the National School Integrated Pest Management web Site at <http://schoolipm.ifas.ufl.edu> or from the National Pediculosis Association at www.headlice.org.

Thank you for your attention and support in helping with this preventative health-related issue.

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