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Information Letter to Families

Dear Families:

Each year cases of pediculosis (head lice) are found throughout our schools. These cases may occur multiple times throughout the year. In an effort to reduce the numbers of cases found and decrease the inconvenience to families and students, District School Board Ontario North East requests your assistance. As your student is returning to school after the holidays, please inspect his/her hair and scalp for pediculosis. Periodic inspections during the year will help prevent the spread of head lice.

Head lice are tiny wingless insects with flattened bodies. They cling to the hair by means of six legs. They live mostly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. The female lays tiny, yellowish-white eggs called nits. They resemble dandruff but are attached to the hair by the cement-like material and are very difficult to remove. It is usually the eggs that are noticed first.

If head lice are found, do not return your child to school until treated. The school must be notified as well. This will prevent the spread of pediculosis. Students are only allowed to re-enter the class once treatment has been administered.

Sincerely,

Principal