

Checking for Head Lice

Dear Parents,

Head lice is always a concern for parents of school age children. There are some reports of head lice currently in the Dodgeville Schools. All ages of student may get head lice, even middle and high school. Parents need to remain alert and check their children for signs of head lice on a weekly basis throughout the school year.

If you discover your child has head lice, please contact the school immediately. Head lice spread when cases are not reported and the child's friends or close contacts are not monitored.

Head lice do not fly or jump. It usually takes a direct contact or sharing of personal items to get head lice from someone else as lice do not survive long off the human body. Checking for head lice is usually directed to the close contacts of the person who is discovered to have head lice because that is the best way to control the spread.

I am sending out a pamphlet on the treatment of head lice and about checking for head lice. This has some useful information on prevention and checking for lice. The 14 day plan is VERY effective in breaking the head lice cycle and I recommend it highly.

Many parents call with questions about head lice. Several good resources for head lice are

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrScqdNuTpc>

www.DrItchy.com

www.myheadlicetreatment.com

Please call me with questions or concerns at 608-935-3307 ext. 2003

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