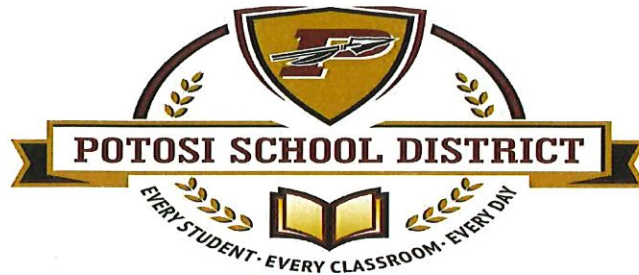


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Dear Parents:

Head lice, in many schools, can become a problem during the school year. We want to inform you that there is a confirmed case in the school. This letter is also being sent as a general reminder that it is important for parents to be screening their children for the presence of head lice.

To detect the presence of head lice early, we suggest checking your family members' heads on a weekly basis. This is done by parting the hair in small sections with a comb looking for bite marks, redness, nits or eggs. The nits are usually found about ¼ inch to 2 inch from the scalp. They adhere themselves onto the hair shaft and cannot be easily removed. The louse is a small flat, wingless, brownish-gray creature with a stubby antennae and six legs each ending in a sharp curved claw. They are most commonly found behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, although they may be found anywhere on the head. The louse can be seen with the naked eye. This check should take 15 minutes or more to do and must be done in good light.

To help prevent infestation, we suggest instructing all family members to avoid borrowing personal items, combs, brushes, hats, towels or clothing from each other or from friends or sharing toys or stuff animals. It is best for everyone to use only their own personal articles at home and at school.

If lice or nits are found, they need to be treated with anti-lice shampoo. Clothing and bedding should be washed as well. Students with live lice are not allowed to come to school so the spread of lice can be prevented until treated and no live lice are found. When a case of live lice is found at school, the student is sent home until treated with an appropriate lice kit and no live lice remain. As always, we will continue to send notice letters to all the parents if more cases arise.

For more information regarding head lice detection and treatment, please contact the Grant County Health Department at 723-6416 or you can contact us at school at 763-2161.

Thank you,

Potosi School District

“Every Student, Every Classroom, Every Day”