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Both district schools have earned honors as 2008 and 2009 Illinois Spotlight Schools.

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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Welcome to the 2010/2011 school year. We are excited about this new school year and want to insure that each child has a productive, healthy and safe school year. A “pesky” health concern that all schools around the country address during the school year, but especially at the beginning of the year, is the occasional presence of pediculosis (head lice) in school. We would like to recommend that you add to your schedule a regular time to check your child’s head for evidence of infestation with head lice. Parents need to join in partnership with the school to limit the spread of lice.

Pediculosis, or head lice, is a condition that each year affects approximately 6 to 12 million children between the ages of 3 and 12 years of age. This is about 1 in every 100 elementary school children. Head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they do not transmit diseases. Head lice are parasites, which are found on the scalp, around the ears, and at the back of the neck. The adult louse is the size of a sesame seed and can be the color of your child’s hair. Eggs, or nits, are smaller and silver in color. Common symptoms of head lice include itching, and head scratching, especially at night. Spread from one child to another can occur during direct head contact or by sharing personal items such as combs, brushes, caps, and/or helmets.

Our school district nurse and health aide are prepared to advise parents on dealing with suspected or actual lice manifestation. However, reducing lice outbreaks depend on the **cooperation we receive from parents**. Our health service staff always follows up when head lice is reported.

We notify parents if their child(ren) show evidence of lice manifestation and we recheck the child(ren) returning to school following treatment. **Parents must not rely on the school to do the primary head checks.** Remember, children’s heads should be checked at home. We follow the recommendation of the DuPage County Health Department for handling pediculosis cases. This includes that the child may return to school following treatment and the removal of live lice. We do not do school-wide, classroom-wide checks or screening, because a check at one point in time does not mean a child is lice or nit free.

We ask for your cooperation in making this school year one in which head lice are managed successfully, through a school and parent partnership. Working together, let’s limit lice interruptions in school. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Janet K. Schlemmer
School Nurse

Health Office News

The health office members at Anne M. Jeans and Burr Ridge Middle School would like to welcome all of our students back to school. We have a few important health issues that we wish to share with our students and families.

1. Please be sure that we have current phone numbers so that we can contact you, the parents and guardians, of a student in case of an emergency or illness.
2. Please be sure that your child has a good night sleep and has breakfast in the morning. This will help with your child's success in school. We do offer breakfast at school from 7:45 am to 8 am. The breakfast cost \$1.50 per day.
3. Please do not send your child to school with a temperature that is above 100 degrees. The child must be fever free (below 100) for 24 hours with out the use of fever reducing medication; this includes cold medication, which may contain fever reducing medication.
4. Please encourage good hygiene practices for coughing, sneezing, and colds. Covering the mouth with arm or kleenix, washing hands frequently, properly disposing of used tissue. We hope that by working together at home and school, we can provide a healthy environment for your child's learning.
5. If there is any medical concern that we should know concerning your child, please contact us. We will work with you to help your child have a positive experience at school as well as meeting his/her health needs.
6. If your child needs physicals and/or immunizations, you will be receiving notices of this in the next 2 to 3 weeks. We do need this information to meet State of Illinois requirements. **All new Prekindergarten students, all kindergarten students and all sixth grade students must have a physical with in a year of starting school. All transfer students must also have a physical with immunization with in a year of transferring, which are due by October 1, 2010.**
7. As the new school year begins we also want to request your assistance with checking your child's head for pediculosis (head lice). We usually have a few cases of head lice each year. We do recommend that you periodically check your child's head for lice. If you see lice or nits, please treat your child prior to sending to school. We would also appreciate notification of any head lice. **We do not send out notifications about head lice, unless there are an unusual large number of students with head lice. We do not screen students for the presence of head lice. Students are not excluded from school for lice as long as they have been treated. This is based on recommendations from the DuPage County Health Department and other health agencies.** Please see the attached letter for more additional information on head lice.
8. If your child needs to take medication at school, whether it is prescription medication or non-prescription medication (over the counter), we need a medication permission form completed by both a physician and the parent.

If there is any other information or questions that you have concerning health issues, please contact the Anne M. Jeans Health Office at 630-734-7103 or the Burr Ridge Middle School Health Office at 630-734-6607.