

# JOSIAH HAYNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to inform you that there have been 2 cases of lice found in a second grade classroom. While these children are being treated, I wanted to inform you so you could check your child's hair to minimize a potential outbreak.

-Examine your child's hair. Carefully look at both the scalp and throughout the hair for any signs of lice or egg's. Lice are very small and difficult to look for. The best way is to have your child sit in direct sunlight or under a bright lamp. You should look for tiny egg sacks (nits) at the base of the hair shaft, approx. 1/8<sup>th</sup> to 1/4 inch away from the scalp. Nits are the size of a sesame seed and look like a teardrop on the hair shaft. The live lice are hard to find, as they scatter in the light.. Nits' areas easier to find and indicate the presence of live lice. Remember that dandruff moves and nits stick to the hair shaft and are very difficult to scrape off.

-Remind your child that any head-to-head contact and sharing of items worn about the head could cause them to contract lice, and therefore they should refrain from doing so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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