

NOTIFICATION LETTER TO PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILD WITH LICE

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Teacher: _____

Siblings: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I have found that your child, _____, has head lice or nits (lice eggs).

Incidence # _____

Follow the detailed instructions below:

- Apply olive oil or any other cooking oil to the scalp and hair for at least 6-8 hours. Queen Helene conditioner has a lice smothering effect also. Weeks 1 & 2 - reapply the cooking oil to the hair every other day. Weeks 3 & 4 - reapply oil every third day.
- Removal of all the nits is a very important step, since the oil treatments do not kill the eggs. Purchase a metal or plastic comb (maybe both) and part the hair and comb through each section of hair repeatedly. Week 1 - continue to comb the hair with the egg removal comb daily. Weeks 2, 3, and 4 - repeat combing hair with egg removal comb as instructed every other day.
- Wash all of the following: clothes, bed sheets, blankets, hats, coats, and dry in the dryer. Bed sheet, pillow cases and blankets should be washed and dried weekly. Between washings they should be put in the dryer during each oil treatment. During cool weather follow the same instructions for hats and coats. Wash all combs and brushes (during hair oil treatments): soak in hot soapy water for at least thirty (30) minutes and then rinse.
- Vacuum the following: Carpet, rugs, chairs, couches, mattresses and your car. Repeat vacuuming during olive oil treatments.
- Place all items that cannot be washed into a sealed plastic bag for four (4) weeks (stuffed animals or helmets).
- **All people living in the household must follow the same instructions in order to stop the lice cycle.**

The school allows only one (1) day of excused absence for each incident of head lice. The bus will not pick up your child until they are lice and nit free. You must bring your child to school between 7:50 and 8:30 a.m. for rechecks at the elementary nurse's office. (740) 493-2881

1st incidence of lice/nits - the parent will be contacted to pick up the child.

2nd incidence of lice/nits - the family support specialist and principal will be contacted.

3rd incidence of lice/nits - the student will be referred to the Pike County Health Department for recheck and future infestations.

If the child doesn't return to school within five (5) calendar days or fails to be lice/nit free in five (5) days, then the Attendance Officer will be notified.