

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 502
Ferndale, WA 98248

Date _____

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child, _____ was found to have a possible case of lice. Lice are a common problem among elementary school children and are not linked to cleanliness or hygiene.

Please check your child before treatment to confirm your child has evidence of lice. Treatment is only recommended for those with evidence of lice. We recommend prompt treatment in a manner that meets the approval of you and your health care provider. **Daily nit combing is recommended for 21 consecutive days until no lice are found in order to prevent re-infestation.**

If you need additional information about head lice, life cycle, transmission and treatment, the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) website has valuable information.

Sincerely,

Principal

CHECKING FOR HEAD LICE

Check by separating the hair and look for either the adult louse or the nit (egg), which is laid on the hair shafts usually 3/8" from the scalp. These eggs resemble dandruff, but do not flake off like dandruff. The nits cling tightly to the hair shaft. Nits are most often found behind the ears, at the nape of the neck, and the crown of the head. Experts suggest weekly checks by parents/guardians at home as the best way to control lice in a school setting. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

****Please return to school office ****

My child, _____, began treatment for this concern
on _____ (date).

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature