



## *A Preventative Message from Your School Nurse*

### Head Lice Guidelines

The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) follows the evidenced based guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in regards to pediculosis/head lice management. It is the position of the CDC, NASN, AAP, and SUSD that the management of pediculosis should NOT disrupt the educational process and recommends that a healthy child should not be restricted from attending school because of lice or nits/eggs.

No disease is associated with head lice and in-school transmission is considered to be rare. In cases involving head lice, as in all school health issues, it is vital that the school nurse prevents stigmatizing and maintains the student's privacy as well as the families right to confidentiality. To further minimize student stigmatization, school staff and administrators are encouraged, as much as possible, to wait until the final part of the school day to perform lice checks, not send home letters once lice has been identified in a classroom, or perform classroom checks. Only parents/guardians of students with active lice will be notified.

The school nurse will provide ongoing education, resources, and prevention information throughout the school year to parents, staff and students. This may include monthly updates via school websites, emails, and educational presentations within classrooms. Please feel free to contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. Remember, our community is working together to increase awareness, prevention practices, and dispel myths.

