## Lindbergh Elementary School



Date: 10/24/2018

## Dear Parent:

A case of **Head Lice** has been identified today in your child's classroom. As a precaution, please check your child's scalp and report any cases to the school office immediately.

Head lice are insects. They are 1/8" long and light to dark tan in color. The eggs, or nits, are smooth, plump and white in color and are often barely visible. They are usually attached to the hair shaft. Newly laid eggs will be found within ½" from the scalp. A head louse is not a serious disease, nor is it related to a dirty home or a dirty school. Doctors usually prescribe RID shampoo or its equivalent for treatment.

Lice are transmitted from person to person by direct contact or sharing such clothing as hats, scarves, etc. and personal items such as combs, brushes, etc. Please discourage your child from sharing these items.

Please watch your child for excessive scratching and check for nits in the hair, especially around the nape of the neck and behind the ears. The nits are attached to the hair strands and, unlike dandruff, are very difficult to remove.

Any child contracting head lice will be excluded from school until proper treatment has been given. When cases of head lice are identified, it may be necessary for staff members and/or the school nurse to inspect other children in the classroom.

**Kindergarten Parents**-All rest materials <u>MUST</u> be washed in hot water and dried on high heat and returned to school in a plastic bag labeled with your child's name.

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