

CAMDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parents,

Head lice are a widely misunderstood “nuisance-type” health problem. Head Lice can happen to anyone. Head lice do NOT transmit disease and are not an indication of poor hygiene.

Head lice are tiny insects that live in human hair. Lice are only found on heads of host. Head lice do not jump or fly and are transmitted by head to head contact. On rare occasions have been known to transmit via hats, scarfs and bedding. Lice will lay eggs called nits on the shaft of a single hair. The eggs will hatch in about 10 days. The nymph will reach maturity in about 14 days.

Signs and Symptoms of Head Lice are:

Itching of Scalp

Nits visible (extremely small specks white in color)

Possible rash on scalp or neck

Treatment and Control Measures:

1. Treat with Lice killing shampoo OTC or RX
2. Manually remove nits via lice comb
All nits will be killed with the pediculicide and removing nits will prevent misdiagnosis of another infestation.
3. All persons in the home should be checked for lice and treated.
4. Wash all bedding in hot water and dry on high.
5. Vacuum all cloth surfaces.
6. If School Nurse has verified lice .The student will have to be seen by Nurse to be cleared for class. Student must be brought in via parent for re assessment.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL YOUR BUILDING NURSE.

Sincerely,

School Nurse