



Clarksville Montgomery County School System
HEALTH SERVICES
CLASS NOTE – HEAD LICE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Several cases of head lice have been found in your child's elementary school classroom. All parents are requested to examine their children for indications of infestation at least every other day for the next two (2) weeks. Head scratching and intense itching of the scalp and neck are the main indications of head lice. Their presence can be confirmed by a close inspection of the hair and scalp under a good light, especially the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Look for tiny, grayish, crawling forms and/or white specks in the hair, whitish eggs, which can be mistaken for dandruff. Dandruff is removed easily from the hair or scalp; however, nits (eggs) are glued to the hair shaft and very difficult to remove.

Instruct your child not to borrow personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, clothing or towels from other people.

In the event you find head lice on your child's head, immediately report this to the school nurse. Several treatments are available over-the-counter to eliminate lice and their eggs. You must treat your child prior to his/her return to school. **Plan to accompany your child to the school clinic for a recheck of their hair.** Your child will not be permitted to ride the bus to school or return to the classroom until the school nurse has rechecked his/her scalp for head lice. If not satisfactory, he/she will not be readmitted to school.

School Nurse

Date

Classroom