

HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT

Juniper Ridge Elementary is committed to support parents/guardians and the broader school community in the management of head lice. We do this by:

- a) offering practical advice;
- b) educating staff, parents and students about head lice;
- c) and, when needed help provide the tools for parents to manage head lice at home.

Studies have shown that head lice inspection programs and school exclusion policies are ineffective and unnecessary. At Juniper Ridge Elementary we believe that education and cooperation is the key. Head lice are not a health hazard or a sign of uncleanliness and are not responsible for the spread of any disease. They are the cause of much embarrassment and misunderstanding. Please take some time to review this brochure as well as School District No.73 Policy on the school website.



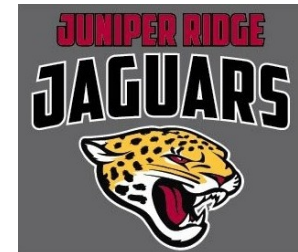
*Head Lice 'nit' or 'egg'
attached to hair*

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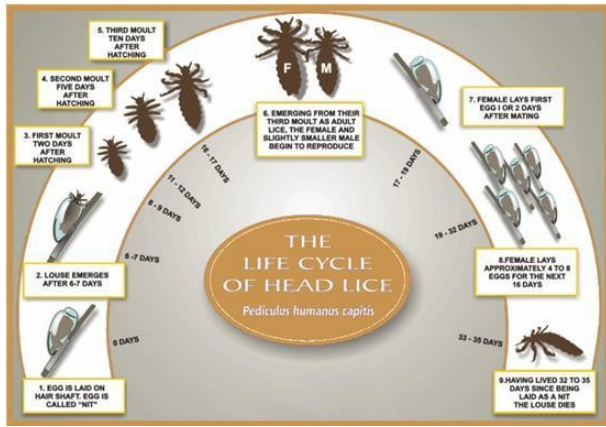
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Scratching for Answers

Head lice continue to cause concern and frustration for parents, teachers, and children. The School District Policy (1006.6) is intended to outline roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the school and community to assist with treating and controlling head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner.



Head lice are a global issue! Do not panic. Head lice are not an emergency and do not pose a health risk – they are simply an inconvenience that should be dealt with compassionately and calmly.

This brochure draws upon information, guidelines, and recommendations from B.C. Interior Health, and the Centre for Disease Control from Australia and the United States. For a more detailed outline of the School District Policy (1006.6) and B.C. Interior Health please refer to our school website in the General Information folder.

It is the expectation of parents / guardians and families attending Juniper Ridge Elementary that:

1. Children's hair will be checked for head lice on a regular basis, at home, using the recommended detection method.
2. That your child does not attend school with untreated live head lice. Once treated the child can return to school immediately and the remainder of the nits removed at home in a timely manner.
3. Parents/guardians will notify the school if their child is found to have live lice and advice when appropriate treatment has commenced.
4. Use only safe and recommended practice to treat head lice.
5. Notify the parents or guardians of your child's friends so they have an early opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.
6. Maintain a sympathetic attitude and avoid stigmatizing / blaming families who are experiencing difficulty with control measures.
7. Act responsibly and respectfully when dealing with members of the school and broader community especially around issues of head lice.

To support parents / guardians and the school community to achieve a consistent, collaborative approach to head lice management the school will undertake to:

1. Distribute up-to-date and accurate information on the detection, treatment, and control of head lice on a regular basis.
2. Act responsibly and respectfully when dealing with members of the school, students, and the broader community around head lice.
3. Exclusion of students with live head lice only be considered under the School District Policy guidelines and handled with a high level of sensitivity. Also with the discretion of the principal or designate.
4. Abide by the School District Policy (1006.6) and the recommendations of B.C. Interior Health.
5. Review Juniper Ridge Elementary Head Lice Guidelines and Practices on a regular basis.