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## **HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS) SCHOOL AND CLASS SCREENING**

**Dear Parent/Guardian:**

### **Head Lice (Pediculosis) Screening**

**Will Occur in October, December, March, May and as Needed**

Head lice (pediculosis) and their eggs (nits) are a nuisance that can infest any of us. If you have experienced them, you know how frustrating and time consuming it is eliminating the lice and nits from your child(ren), and your home. Our school has established a screening committee made up of interested trained parents/community resource persons to try to eliminate head lice from our student population.

The first school-wide classroom screening for head lice (pediculosis) and nits will take place at our school in October and individual class screenings and/or school-wide screenings will occur during the year as needed.

If a child is found to have lice or nits, the parent or guardian will be informed through the office by letter. Children will not be informed in the classroom in order to maintain confidentiality.

In accordance with TDSB procedures, if a child is identified as having head lice (pediculosis) or nits, the parent will be required to make arrangements for treatment and to keep the child at home until the problem is cleared. Nits must be removed before the student returns to school. The student will be re-admitted with a form signed by the parent indicating the treatment used and confirming that all nits have been removed. A Head Lice (Pediculosis) Fact Sheet will be provided to each parent or guardian of an infested child.

Parents who do not wish their child(ren) to participate in this screening must inform the school office in writing by *September 10, 2015*. Parents whose children do not participate in the school screening are expected to do the lice check themselves. If your home lice check reveals the presence of lice or nits, do not send your child to school. Please inform the school right away and we will send you the appropriate information and instructions.

For further information please call the school at 416 395-2390

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Sincerely,

Principal