

Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School

Head Lice alert for Parents/Guardians

This is a reminder that head lice infestation typically is a community problem brought into the schools unintentionally by unsuspecting children. The peak time that children become infested with head lice is in the summer, because of sleepovers at camps, slumber parties, and vacationing, but lice are present in all communities year round. Because head lice are so small, the symptoms of itching may not develop for weeks or even months after infestation. Parents and children alike often do not even know there is a problem unless the parent inspects a child's head closely and often. Information on signs, symptoms, and things to do are provided on the back of this letter.

We encourage you to make "head checks" part of your weekly routine. If you see any lice or nits, please discuss the matter with your private health care provider.

Head lice are a nuisance, but they are treatable and are not life-threatening. Your school nurse can help you with specific issues related to your child's attendance in school.

Looking for signs and symptoms at home and notifying the school nurse is the best way to prevent and treat a head lice issue.

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