Dear Parents/Guardians of Emerson Students

Most of you are aware that head lice occasionally occurs in elementary schools. Emerson Elementary is no different than other elementary Schools. In an effort to reduce this year's number of head lice incidents, I am sending this letter to parents.

It is important to always conduct routine checks on your child's head and hair for lice or nits.
If you suspect your child has lice or are unsure you should always consult with the main office before sending your child to school.
Do not send your child to school with nits or lice.
By district policy students need to be treated and also be **nit free** before returning to school.

The best way to prevent transmission:
- ✓ Teach children not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, hats, caps, scarves, headsets, or any other personal headgear.
- ✓ Do not try on other people's hats (even in department stores).
- ✓ Teach children to hang coats separately - placing hats and scarves inside coat/jacket sleeves.
- ✓ Clean or disinfect shared headgear (i.e., helmets) with Lysol® or rubbing alcohol before being used by others.
- ✓ Conduct regular head checks of your child.

If head lice are found on your child:
- ✓ Check others in the household for signs of head lice or nits. If found, complete remaining steps on all infested individuals.
- ✓ Remove nits from the head by combing. This is the most important lice control measure. Complete nit removal is time-consuming but is critical for successful treatment.
- ✓ Use an effective head lice treatment.
- ✓ Remove all of the lice and nits from the environment by washing or vacuuming. There is no need to spray pesticides at home.
- ✓ Perform daily head checks and remove nits for 3 weeks until head lice are gone. Continue to check your child weekly to detect reinfestation.

If you have difficulties treating the head lice on your child, please contact the school, local health department, or your child's physician.
Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sam Argiri
Principal