

LETTER TO PARENTS

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Butler Elementary

Objet : IT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIME FOR LICE, TOO!

Every year, thousands of children across Quebec start vigorously scratching the backs of their heads and behind their ears. And that's just the tip of the iceberg! It's a sign that head lice are back. We have to be ready to find them so we can control their spread and transmission.

Pamphlet

You can consult the pamphlet "Lice, lice, lice, all there is to know about head lice or "Les lignes directrices pour le contrôle de la pédiculose du cuir chevelu dans les écoles et les services de gardes éducatifs à l'enfance" on the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux website <https://publications.msss.gouv.qc.ca/msss/fichiers/2023/23-276-01A.pdf>

Checking for head lice

Get a nit comb (a comb, which is designed to remove head lice and available at a very low cost at pharmacies) and get in the habit of checking your child for lice every week. This will help you recognize and begin treating an infestation early and limit the spread in your home and at school.

During the school year, your child may be checked for lice by the school nurse or another person hired by the school. This will help us control a lice outbreak if one occurs.

Future letters

During the school year, you may receive one or more letters informing you that your child or other students have head lice. Please follow the recommendations provided in these letters, which will be adapted to the situation.

The cooperation of parents is crucial in preventing and controlling head lice.

Thank you for your attention to this message.

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