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## **IMPORTANT HEALTH MEMO**

TO: Carnation Elementary Parents  
FROM: Mr. Poage, Principal  
DATE: April 21, 2008  
RE: Head Lice Issues at School

Dear Carnation Parents,

As I'm sure you may have heard from your children or neighbors by now, we have had an unusually significant outbreak of head lice at school recently. To help us detect and gain control over this issue and to try to prevent even more spread, we have taken the following actions:

1. Today, we brought in a team of Riverview School District Nurses and trained staff or parent helpers to help check every class.
2. Classroom teachers/staff are taking extra precautions in class to reduce the risk of spreading lice – for instance: keeping coats/hats/scarves in backpacks, bagging up any classroom pillows or stuffed animals that students use, not allowing students to share bushes, hats, coats, or hair accessories, etc. In addition, we are cleaning headphones for listening centers and computers regularly.
3. Custodians are being extra cautious to vacuum classrooms especially those with significant head lice issues.
4. Educating parents of students on how to prevent and remove infestation (see attached note).
5. Notifying parents immediately if a child is detected with head lice and then re-checking them to ensure the problem was taken care of upon their return.

Because we currently have a "No Nit Policy" in Riverview School District, students who are found to have nits or lice are pulled from class and sent home to have the problem resolved. You may contact the school office (425) 844-4550 or the district nurse's office (425) 844-4582 if you have questions or concerns.

I truly appreciate your help with this situation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Poage, Principal