Dunlap School District Nursing Services
Nursing Staff in our District

- Amy Cranford, District Nurse
  - Housed at Dunlap Middle School

- Michelle McDonald
  - Housed at Dunlap High School

- Lisa Gassman
  - Housed at Wilder Waite (job shares to provide full time coverage)

- Maureen Colvin
  - Housed at Wilder Waite (job shares to provide full time coverage)

- Laura Lee
  - Housed at Ridgeview Elementary

- Marta Watts
  - Housed at Hickory Grove Elementary

- Elizabeth Kozinski
  - Housed at Banner Elementary
School nursing is no longer just Band-aids and Ice Packs

- Manage diabetes care
- Provide nutrition through feeding tube
- Supervision/Administration of daily and emergency medications
- Maintain student health records
- Ensure immunization compliance
- Assess and provide care for staff and student illnesses and injuries
- Evaluate and triage medical issues
- Ensure compliance of health policies and procedures
- Direct staff trainings
- Chronic disease management
- Continuous parent daily and/or emergency communication
Snapshot of District Medical Needs

- Asthma: 137
- Food Allergies: 230
- Diabetes: 14
- Daily Tube Feedings: 6
- Seizures: 32
- Other Medical Conditions: 53
What are Head Lice?

• They are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp.

• Although they are pesky, they are not harmful.

• Head lice can have a psychosocial impact on students and their parents.
What are Nits?

- Nits are lice eggs that attach to the hair shaft.
- Nits alone are not evidence of current lice.
- Nits that are more than $\frac{1}{4}$" from the scalp are not considered viable.
Lice Frequently Answered Questions

- Lice typically die within 24 hours when away from host
- Lice do not fly or jump
- Lice do not transmit disease
- Head lice does NOT indicate a hygiene issue
- Sitting next to someone with head lice does NOT increase your chances of getting it!
- Lice can occur in all socioeconomic groups
- Head lice is not passed between humans and pets
Dunlap School District Lice Practice

• In order to reflect the evidence based mindset, our district follows the guidelines of the, Center for Disease Control, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Association of School Nurses.

• Our position is that no healthy child should be excluded from school.

• A confirmation of lice will be managed in an appropriate, safe and confidential manner.
Evidence Based Guidelines

**Centers for Disease Control**

Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun.

**American Academy of Pediatrics**

“A child should not be restricted from school attendance because of lice, because head lice have low contagion within classrooms” (AAP, 2010)

**National Association of School Nurses**

It is the position of the National Association of School Nurses that the management of pediculosis (infestation by head lice) should not disrupt the educational process. No disease is associated with head lice, and in-school transmission is considered to be rare. Children found with live head lice should remain in class.
School Responsibilities

• Provide lice awareness and education through our yearly Back to School Health Letter and place reminders on the Dunlap School District Health Blog.

• Give guidance to families to successfully treat head lice

• Offer educational resources to families and staff

• Provide emotional support to student and family

Dunlap School District Staff Lice Management Protocol
Parent Responsibilities

- Administer appropriate treatment for head lice prior to child returning to school. *The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a one percent permethrin lotion for the initial treatment for most head lice infestations with a second application 7-10 days after the first.*

- Perform regular checks on all individuals in the home.

- Become educated about head lice.

- Discuss lice openly. Your child’s opinion will reflect your own. Reducing the stigma and promoting compassion is an important part of the process.
Confidentiality & Lice

*Lice can be a source for bullying.*

- There is no evidence that a letter home prevents head lice transmission. (Pontious 2014)

- Sending a letter home may cause unnecessary panic and result in use or misuse of common lice treatments—pediculicides. (Pontious 2014)

- The right to confidentiality in schools is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA).

- Without disclosing the name of an affected child, the identity can be determined, which is a breech in confidentiality.

*American School Health Association*

*There is no evidence to support the claim that letters sent home prevent head lice transmission, and they may in fact be a violation of privacy and confidentiality.*
Districts with Similar Practice

- The following districts do not send letters home:
  - Bartonville Grade
  - East Peoria Grade School
  - East Peoria High School
  - Morton
  - Peoria Public Schools
  - Pekin High School
  - Princeville
  - Tremont
  - Washington High School

- Morton School District follows the same practice and procedures.

- Peoria Public Schools follows the same practice and similar procedures.

- [http://www.peoriapublicschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&PageID=1&ViewID=047e6be3-6d87-4130-8424-d8e4e9ed6c2a&FlexDataID=36670](http://www.peoriapublicschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&PageID=1&ViewID=047e6be3-6d87-4130-8424-d8e4e9ed6c2a&FlexDataID=36670)
As nurses in the district, we provide many services. Regardless of the issue, we are here to address questions or concerns related to health care. We strive to create a healthy, safe environment for your children.
Resources

- [http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html)
- Center for Disease Control

- National Association of School Nurses

- [http://www.pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/110/3/638.full.pdf](http://www.pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/110/3/638.full.pdf)
- American Academy of Pediatrics

- [https://identify.us.com](https://identify.us.com)
- Richard J. Pollack, Ph.D. Harvard School Public Health

- American Academy of Dermatology

Questions?