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Dear CCMS Families,

We are writing to inform you that cases of **head lice and/or nits (lice eggs)** are common in grades 6-8. Head lice/nits continue to be one of the most prevalent communicable childhood diseases among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever and wherever children gather. While head lice are NOT dangerous nor do they transmit disease, they DO spread easily, making it a community issue.

With this in mind, **CCMS has adopted a "NO NIT POLICY"** to ensure a healthy standard for children and their families. **The Spirit of the No Nit Policy is to minimize head lice infestations and to keep children in school lice and nit free.**

ACTIONABLE MEASURES: Families are encouraged to respond by carrying out the most effective prevention measures at all times and the safest most thorough control measures possible. Please do your part at home with routine screening, early detection, accurate identification and thorough removal of lice and nits. If you suspect that your child may have nits or head lice, please take the necessary measures to eliminate the nits or head lice and keep your child at home until the case has cleared.

SCHOOL RESPONSE: In accordance with our No Nit Policy, any student found to have a case of nits/head lice will be removed from the group setting. The parent will be contacted and is required to pick up their child from school. The affected student may not return to school until he/she has been cleared to return pending a screening conducted by our school nurse. As a matter of general practice, the entire class will be screened for head lice.

It's important to know some basics, including how to recognize symptoms and what to do if faced with an infestation. Please refer to the attachments for helpful information as to how you can help prevent the spread of head lice.

Working together helps protect all of the children, including your own. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the health and well-being of our Country Club Middle School community.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Prado

Principal