



# Alexandra Public School

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Parents and guardians,

We are striving to work with families on adhering to our TLDSB pediculosis (head lice) policy and procedure, which was developed under advisement by the health unit and supported by research from the Canadian Pediatric Society.

On Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018, we are providing a free evening seminar from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Our host for the seminar is Karen “The Lice Zapper” Wiles, who has approximately 25 years of experience treating lice and helping families in various capacities in Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes and is recommended by the Health unit.

By attending this seminar, you will learn how to detect nits and live lice, how to properly comb, treatment options and procedures, how to do a follow-up treatment, how to treat clothing and furnishings in the home, as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

There are many treatment options available for head lice, which can be recommended by a pharmacist. Should you wish to purchase treatment options that Mrs. Wiles recommends, those will be available for purchase at the seminar.

Additionally, if you require financial assistance with the purchase of treatment options (i.e., shampoo), lice treatment kits will be available at the office free of charge. Thank you parent council for helping to fund the seminar and purchase of these kits.

Upon future detection of head lice, please be aware that Alexandra Public School will work with families to verify that treatment has been completed prior to return to school.

We are encouraging all classrooms to be mindful of the distribution of head lice through student education (don't share hats and brushes, place all clothing in your school bag instead of piling on the coat rack).

Through these actions, we are hoping to provide families with additional education, access to resources and accountability.

Thank you for your patience and support. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Bill Thompson – Principal