



The Ferndale Flash



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From your Admin...

October 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Rowan's Law Day	Oct. 2
Spirit Day: Wear Blue and White	OCT 9
Thanksgiving Monday- No School	OCT 12
Primary and Junior Virtual Recognition	Oct. 13
School Council Virtual Meeting	OCT 15

It's hard to believe that the first month of school has already come and gone. Our classes have settled in nicely and the students are hard at work in their new learning environments. Thank-you for your continued support as we navigate through all of this "newness" that we are experiencing.

The month of October will provide us with many new challenges and the opportunity to expand our learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcome, safe, and engaged in their education. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to meet their fullest potential and continually grow academically and socially while demonstrating outstanding citizenship. Please remember that student success is a team effort driven by open communication and a committed effort by all.

Staff and students are already busy with their daily teaching / learning routines. Routines are important for children especially when they are starting something new. When students carry out their activities according to a schedule, they have a clearer understanding of expectations and their responsibilities. I encourage all students to focus on routines and schedules early in the school year, setting the tone for a productive school day. Arriving on time and having had a good breakfast is the first part of an effective daily schedule.

I wish you all a wonderful upcoming long weekend and an even better Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

Danielle Mikolic
Principal
Mrs. D. Mikolic

Thanksgiving Holiday



Students will not attend school on Monday October 12th for Thanksgiving Monday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 13th. We wish everyone an excellent long weekend!

PICK UP AND DROP OFF



We have had a very successful start to this unprecedented year at Ferndale and we are so looking forward to the weeks ahead of us! We are just so happy to be a community in the building again!

We wanted to remind our adults who are coming to drop-off or pick-up children to please respect social distancing norms like mask-wearing and physical distancing. There are a lot of excited parents/guardians/relatives which we understand wanting to be present, however we need to keep the health and safety of our students and staff in mind.

Thank you!

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

With the cooler weather comes the flu and cold season, some of the symptoms may include the following,

- Vomiting, Diarrhea or Nausea
- Fever or Chills (temperature of 100°F / 37.8 °C or more)
- Cough or Sore Throat
- Sneezing, Nasal Congestion or Runny Nose
- Red or Pink eyes
- Stomach Ache or Body Aches
- Headache or Fatigue
- Hoarseness, Chest pain or Shortness of Breath



If your child portrays any signs or symptoms of being unwell, either the night before school or the morning of, please keep the student home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. We appreciate your help in trying to keep the classrooms germ free.

ATTENDANCE, APPOINTMENTS, EARLY DISMISSAL

Thank you to everyone who has been using the Safe Arrival system to report absences and lates for their children. It is very helpful to Ms Rees and Mrs. Janzen, ***Please note that the Safe Arrival system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your convenience to report your child's absence.***

Also, we strongly encourage you to communicate appointments, early dismissal or alternate arrangements with your child's teacher ahead of time, instead of calling the school, whenever possible.

If an unforeseen circumstance comes up and alternate end of the day arrangement needs to be communicated to your child, please try to ***call the school before 2:30 PM.*** This allows the office staff enough time to locate and communicate to your child in a timely fashion.

Instructional time for student is extremely important. Please note that if any items or messages are needed to be given to the students, we will try our best to give them to the students just before first and second break only.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online

Paying school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe way to pay for your children's school fees.



Get Started Today

Sign Into Your Account

We will be using School Cash Online for **ALL payments**. Once you have registered, you will receive email notifications for items that are available for you to purchase (ie. Trips, pizza, spirit wear etc) and reminders when the item is about to expire. If you are new to Ferndale coming from another DSBN school, your previous login information is still valid. If you are new to school, have not previously signed up or are coming from another board you will be required to register.

Go directly to the website <http://ferndale.dsbm.org> (or hold ctrl and click on the link)

1. Click on the Cash Online icon on the top right hand corner (Please note: Internet Explorer is the most effective internet browser for Cash Online). 2. Create a profile for yourself (Parent/ Guardian). 3. Attach your student(s) to your profile (date of birth & legal name required). If you need any assistance or internet access please see Ms. Rees or Mrs. Janzen in the main office.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Ferndale Public School is a community school and we encourage students to walk to school. This will minimize the traffic concerns and promote physical activity. If you absolutely must drive your child to school or pick-up your child at the end of the day, please use caution when doing do. Following are some parking lot safety tips:



- Give the right of way to pedestrians
- Do not stop in the entry area to let passengers out, To ensure safety in our parking lot, please pull completely into a parking spot before allowing your child to exit the vehicle.
- Do not park in the fire or bus lanes
- Do not leave the car unattended with engine running.
- Be patient and courteous
- When walking your child to school, please avoid walking through the parking lot. Please enter the school grounds through the gates provided.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



We will be having our first School Council meeting Thursday, October 15 from 6:00-7:00 PM. The meeting will be held virtually so you can join the meeting from the comfort of your own home.

If you are interested in being part of the School Council please email fer@dsbn.org and provide an email address that we can contact you at. You will receive an email invite to attend the virtual school council meeting the day of the meeting. All parent(s) / guardian(s) from both virtual online as well as in class learning are welcome to join school council.

HEAD LICE

HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS) FACT SHEET

Head lice are small insects that live on the scalp, cause itching and spread by head to head contact. They do not spread disease, and anyone can get them. They are more common in children as their heads often touch when they play together. They may also be spread through objects like scarves, brushes, head phones, hats and helmets. A full course of treatment and avoiding close head-to-head activities are recommended. There is no medical reason for excluding a child with nits from school or child care.

What to Look For: Head Lice

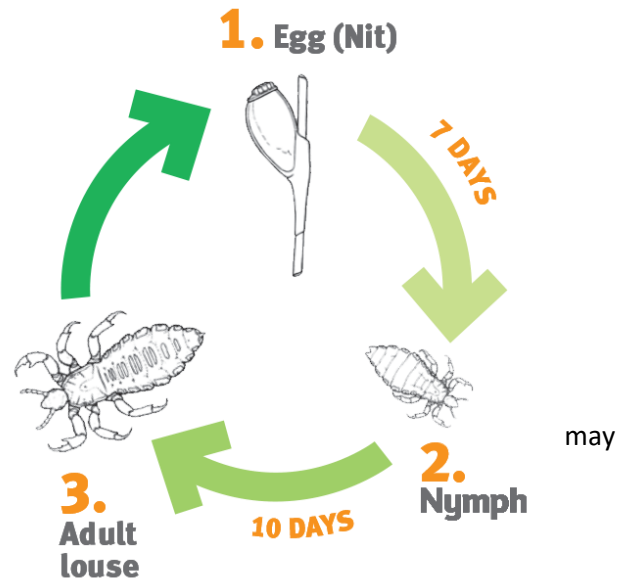
- Tiny wingless insects
- Crawl and do not jump or fly
- Size of a sesame seed and can be difficult to see
- Greyish-brown in colour

Nits (eggs of the louse):

- Nits attach to the hair shaft very close to the scalp
- Size of a grain of sand
- Brown in colour when alive, white when dead or hatched
- Do not come off easily. Hatch in about seven days.
- Nits more than 1 cm from the scalp are dead or hatched or be dandruff.

Where to Look:

Lice or nits are found close to the scalp, particularly around the ears, at the back of the neck and forehead. Use a bright light and magnifying glass if available. Part and comb wet hair into small sections to help you see lice and nits better. If you only find nits, look closer for live lice. If lice and nits are present, act quickly and treat both.



How to Get Rid of Head Lice

Head lice treatment

Start lice treatment if live lice are found or if nits are less than 1cm from the scalp. Your pharmacist can help you choose a head lice product. You do not need a prescription. Read the list of ingredients and use only as directed. Most products require two treatments. The first will kill the head lice but not all nits. The second treatment, given 7 to 10 days after the first, will kill the nits that have hatched. Do not use conditioner or a 2-in-1 shampoo after treatment. Daily nit removal between treatments and hair combing are essential to get rid of head lice successfully. If you see live lice 48 hrs. after the second treatment, contact your physician.

Nit treatment

Daily nit removal and hair combing are keys to getting rid of head lice. After head lice are treated, removing the nits can help to prevent a new infestation. Even with careful nit picking some live nits can be missed. Children may return to school or child care facility even if nits still remain in their hair. To remove nits, use a bright light and part hair into small sections. With a fine-toothed nit comb or your fingernails pull the nits from the hair strands starting at the roots down to the tips. This is easier when hair is wet. Wipe the nits onto a tissue and place in a bag for disposal. After treatments, wash your hands with soap and water and soak the comb in hot water.

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Alternative head lice treatment

Household products such as mineral oil and vinegar, petroleum jelly, mayonnaise and hair gel have been used to treat head lice. These methods have not been proven to work. Applying these products is thought to plug the holes through which the lice breathe. These products may be even less effective if only nits are present. As per the Canadian Paediatric Society, using flammable, toxic and dangerous substance like gasoline or kerosene to treat head lice or using products intended for treating lice in animals are not recommended under any circumstances.

Check all close contacts

If one person in the family has head lice, it is possible that other family members will also have them. Tell your child's school, day-care, and children's groups (i.e. sports, clubs, etc.) so other parents can check their children's hair. An untreated source among close contacts is a common reason for getting head lice again. It is important that all individuals who have head lice be treated at the same time.

Cleaning personal items

Head lice do not survive more than 3 days away from the warmth and humidity of the scalp. Nits will hatch in 7 to 10 days. Wash combs, brushes and hair accessories with hot, soapy water until all lice or nits are removed. Then soak them in very hot water for 10 minutes. Wash clothing, bed linens and towels in hot soapy water then put them in a hot dryer for 15 minutes. Items that you cannot wash such as blankets, coats and stuffed animals, can be put in a plastic bag for 14 days. Avoid sharing hair brushes while undergoing treatments. Extra house cleaning is not needed. Do not use insecticide sprays. Consult your doctor about treatment if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients
- you are pregnant or breastfeeding
- treating children under two years of age
- treating someone with a seizure disorder
- treating lice on eyebrows, eyelashes or beard
- the skin of the scalp is broken or infected
- the head lice infestation persists after the first two treatments

How to prevent the spread of head lice

Check your child's head daily during lice outbreaks when advised by your school or child care facility.

Teach your child not to share personal items that are used on their head such as brushes, combs, barrettes, headbands, elastics, towels, hats, helmets, toques, and scarves.

More information: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/headlice/parents.aspx>

If you have further questions about head lice, call Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK