

What can you expect from volunteering in the Pediculosis program?

- Personal satisfaction that you are helping families at your child's school
- Making new friendships with other parent volunteers
- Gaining knowledge and a new skill
- Gaining knowledge to apply to your own situation
- Helping the school community feel in control of the issues around head lice
- Meeting teachers and students in your child's school
- Overall satisfaction, knowing that you have helped with an otherwise unpopular task

For more information please contact your school principal.



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Head Lice

What you need to know about

Keeping lice out of your child's school!

Head Lice



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Become a Volunteer

Volunteering in the Pediculosis Program is a sure way to gain knowledge and help your child's school control the problem of lice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I get head lice from volunteering for head checks?

No. As long as you do not come in direct head-to-head contact with a student with head lice. Lice do not jump or fly and therefore cannot be easily spread from a student to a volunteer.

How often are head lice checks done?

Most schools in TLDSB conduct their head checks **once a month**. The more volunteers we have, the less time it takes. Your time is so valuable so we try to get as many parent volunteers as possible.

I don't have any experience with head lice. Is there any training available?

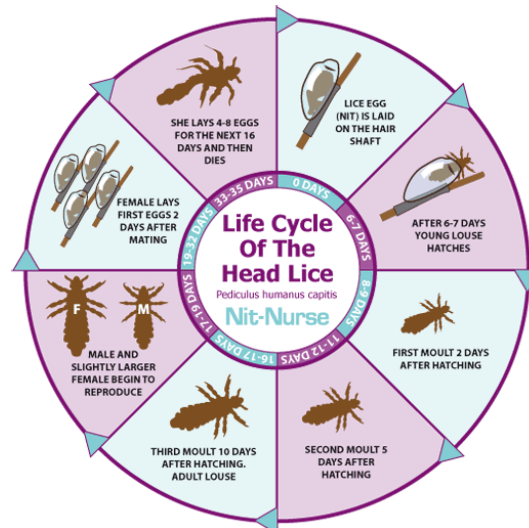
Absolutely. Your school principal will train you and help you feel confident about checking for head lice. There is also a training video available.

Do I have to tell the parent that their child has head lice?

No. This is the job of the Principal or other assigned staff at the school.

Facts about Head Lice

- Weekly home checks are the best defense against head lice
- Head lice do not jump or fly
- Pets do not get head lice
- Head lice are mostly contracted by head-to-head contact
- Head lice can only live off a human head for 48 hours
- Nits (eggs) are attached to the hair shaft on an angle and are white or light grey
- Nits do not come off easily - manual nit-picking is a must in all lice treatments
- Discuss all treatment and head lice procedures with a local pharmacist
- The most common place to first find nits is around the ears and nape of the neck



Why should I be concerned?

Head lice can spread among children quickly.

Head lice can be very difficult to treat.

Head lice is uncomfortable.

Children with head lice cannot attend school. Trillium Lakelands DSB has a No-Nit Policy: a child must be free of nits in order to attend school.



What can I do?

Volunteer in the Pediculosis Program at your child's school.

Educate yourself.

Conduct your own head checks frequently at home.

Educate friends and family about value and technique of checking for nits.