

Dolphin Dialogue

September 13, 2024

Principal's Blurb - Ms. Jami Miner

In today's digital age, online safety has become an increasingly important aspect of our children's well-being. As technology continues to play a central role in our lives, we want to partner with you to ensure that our students are navigating the online world safely and responsibly. The internet offers incredible opportunities for learning and communication, but it also presents potential risks. These include exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and privacy concerns. It is essential for our students to understand how to protect themselves and use technology responsibly. We are committed to providing our students with a safe and supportive learning environment, both online and offline. If you have any concerns or need additional resources about online safety, please feel free to contact us. If you or your child notices anything online that doesn't seem right, please report it immediately to the school or local law enforcement. You may also report suspicious activities using FortifyFL online or by downloading the APP.



Important Dates & Information

Date	Week of 9/16/24 - Activity Week A
9/17	Grades K-2 FAST Assessment (Star Early Literacy, Star Reading) State Progress Monitoring Assessment – Some students will be retaking the assessment after a technology issue. If this impacted your child, the teacher should of notified you.
9/17	Fall Portraits Make sure to dress your best!
9/18	Quarter 1 Interims Interims will be made available via FOCUS and sent home by teachers.
9/21	You Matter Day LCE will participate in You Matter Day at Merritt Island High School on 9/21/24. Ms. Miner will be in the dunk tank! Don't miss out!
9/23-9/26	Conference Week Teachers may be reaching out to schedule conferences during this week. We will extend our conference offerings on 9/26/24 through 7:00PM. These will be scheduled by the teacher.
9/26	PTO Meeting Come join the Parent-Teacher-Organization for their first meeting of the year at 3:00PM. New members welcome. Visitors must sign in the front office.
10/4	Spooky Friendship Bracelet Fundraiser Begins More information to come from the 3rd grade team.
10/9*	*New: Walk and Roll to School Day! More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.
10/25-11/1	Book Fair Lewis Carroll Elementary will host their fall book fair October 25th - November 1st. Students will shop during their media activity time. Students will be required to have a signed permission form to participate. This will come home with the flyer.

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FALL
Portraits

A SMILE IS ALWAYS IN STYLE

Order Before Picture Day

<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001121414>
Your online code is your **Student ID**, or type in the **school code** as listed.

Lewis Carroll Elementary School

SCHOOL CODE: 1625

Picture Day On: *Tuesday, September 17, 2024*

Helpful Tips for Parents

TIPS FOR ONLINE SAFETY:

Open Communication: Talk to your child about their online activities and the importance of sharing any concerns they might have. Encourage them to come to you if they encounter something uncomfortable or suspicious.

Privacy Settings: Review and adjust the privacy settings on social media accounts and other online platforms. Ensure that your child's information is only visible to trusted individuals.

Monitoring Tools: Utilize parental controls and monitoring tools available on devices and apps. These tools can help you keep track of your child's online activities and set boundaries for screen time.

Educational Resources: Encourage your child to engage with educational content about online safety. There are many resources and programs designed to teach children about responsible internet use.

Model Good Behavior: Set a positive example by demonstrating responsible use of technology and discussing online safety topics regularly.

HOW TO AVOID A 'HAIR RAISING' EXPERIENCE



- Watch for signs of head lice. **Check your children every few days.** Lice are easier to eliminate if caught early.
- Teach your children not to share hats, headgear, scarves, headphones and grooming items (combs, hairbrushes, etc.) and to avoid direct head-to-head contact.
- To kill lice on bedding, clothes, etc., wash and dry them as you would ordinarily. **NEVER add any pesticide.** Vacuum materials that cannot be washed.
- If you are concerned about head lice on carpets or furniture, vacuum them thoroughly or wipe smooth surfaces with a damp cloth.
- Wash stuffed animals or vacuum them thoroughly. **NEVER spray them with a pesticide.**
- To kill lice on brushes, combs or hair accessories, wash them with hot, soapy water. **NEVER spray them with a pesticide.**

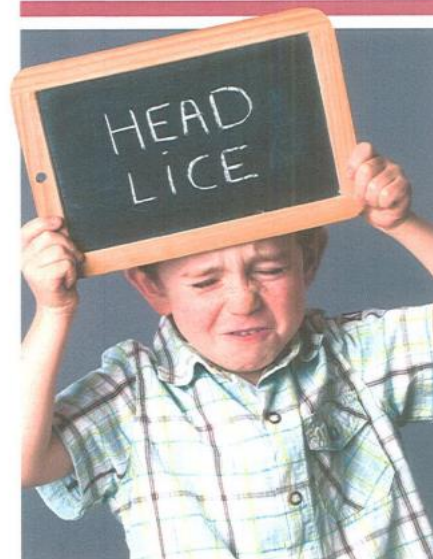
10 Tips for manual removal

1. Work in a well lighted area or use a flashlight and hand lens.
2. Use a grooming comb or hairbrush to re move tangles. A hair detangler spray or other hair conditioner may aid in this process.
3. Divide the hair into sections and fasten off the hair that is not being worked on.
4. Use a lice comb to detect and remove lice and nits. See figure 1 and figure 2 in this brochure.
5. Go through hair sections from the scalp to the end of the hair. Nits are usually found close to the scalp.
6. Dip the comb in a cup of hot, soapy water or use tape to remove lice, nits or debris from the comb.
7. Sift through the same section of hair and look for attached nits and live lice.
8. Move on to the next section until the entire scalp and all hair has been checked.
9. Screen the infested person every day for 10 days and regularly thereafter.
10. If additional nits (at least 3-5 per day) are discovered, another manual search is recommended.

"Manual removal is the safe alternative and necessary component of any head lice treatment regimen." —National Pediculosis Association

You can completely control a head lice infestation with manual removal alone. You **cannot** completely control head lice with head lice shampoos alone. You must combine shampoo treatment with manual removal.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO THE 'NITTY-GRITTY' ABOUT HEAD LICE



Paul Guillebeau and Gretchen Van De Mark
Department of Entomology

Head Lice 101: THE BASICS

Do not panic! Head lice are not an emergency and, in most cases, do not pose any health risk. However, misuse of pesticides and use of unlabeled treatments (ex., kerosene) can pose a health risk.

Head lice **cannot** live off a human host for more than 24-48 hours.
Head lice **cannot** live on pets.
Head lice **cannot** reproduce in carpets, furniture or other household furnishings.

Pesticide sprays do little or nothing to control lice. Never treat your home, car, furniture, beds, pillows, or clothing with pesticides (e.g. 'lice bombs,' flea bombs, sprays, etc.) in an attempt to control head lice. You will expose yourself and your family to unnecessary pesticide risk.

Head lice can affect people of any socioeconomic background and ethnicity. They do not imply a lack of hygiene or cleanliness of the infested person.

If your school sprays rooms, buses, furniture, etc., to control head lice, ask them to stop immediately. Refer your school to the Cooperative Extension brochure entitled *A School's Guide to the 'Nitty-Gritty' About Head Lice.*

Head lice are very common among all classes of people. More than 12 million people, mostly children and school personnel, get head lice per year.

Direct head-to-head contact with an infested person is the main way head lice are transmitted, but they may also be transmitted by sharing hats, scarves, headphones, combs and other hair accessories. **Lice cannot hop, jump, or fly, but they can crawl rapidly.**

Signs of head lice:

- frequent head scratching
- complaints of itchy scalp/head
- redness behind ears or on the back of the neck



Head louse
Pediculus capitis

Head lice are small, wingless parasitic insects. They are typically 1/6 - 1/8 inch long, brownish in color with darker margins. The claws on the end of each of their six legs are well adapted to grasping a hair strand.

A child cannot 'catch nits.'
Nits (lice eggs) can only be laid by live lice.

Female head lice glue their grayish-white to brown eggs (nits) securely to hair shafts. The eggs are resistant to pesticides, and they are difficult to remove without a special 'nit-comb.' The nits are generally near the scalp, but they may be found anywhere on the hair shaft.



Nits (lice eggs)
photo courtesy of the University of Florida.

The best treatment for head lice is manual removal (see '10 tips for manual removal' in this brochure).

If a lice shampoo is warranted, ask your doctor or pharmacist for specifics on the product and **follow all label instructions exactly. Misapplications can be ineffective and dangerous as well.**

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Download the FOCUS App on your phone.

Follow the Official Lewis Carroll Elementary Facebook Page by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094645154323>

Review our school website by visiting: <https://www.brevardschools.org/o/lce>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you're interested in helping foster a positive learning environment for all students, there are several volunteer opportunities available. You can assist teachers in the classroom, help with school events, or even serve on the parent-teacher association. Learn more about becoming a registered volunteer here: [Volunteers | Brevard Public Schools](https://www.brevardschools.org/volunteers)

[brevardschools.org](https://www.brevardschools.org)

Parent Lunches will soon be available. All visitors for school lunches must be current approved/registered volunteer.

Community Events

**3RD ANNUAL
YOU MATTER DAY**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10 AM - 2 PM
MERRITT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**FREE COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT TO RAISE
AWARENESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE**

JOIN THE COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

FREE activities and freebies at local participating businesses
Get a drawing ticket for a chance to win great prizes!

Hub: Merritt Island High
Big Don's BBQ Food Truck,
Space Coast Jeep Club
Games, Dunk Tank, Mental
Health Resources, Music and
MORE!
Drawings at 12 pm & 2 pm

Scan or Visit
DoitforHunter.org for all
scavenger hunt locations
and details

CoastalLife **Space Coast** **Georgianna** **Sandy Roots**

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THE WELL

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THE HEALTH BAR

bifym AUDIO

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admin@doitforhunter.org

Elementary Family Reading and Math Nights

At these events, families will be exposed to the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards for Reading and Math, get ideas of how to help your child(ren) at home, and engage in hands on Reading and Math activities. We encourage families to attend one of these nights.



SOUTH AREA
September 12th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Riviera Elementary
School Media Center

NORTH AREA
September 19th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Mims Elementary
School Cafeteria

Scan here to RSVP



CENTRAL AREA
September 30th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Brevard Public School Building
in ESF Boardroom



Lewis Carroll Business Partners

Business partners play an important role in schools. If you are interested in becoming a business partner or learning more about what a partnership may mean for your business, please reach out to our business partner contact Mrs. Caskey at:

caskey.marianne@brevardschools.org.

Thank you to our current Business Partners:

- Corebridge Financial
- Dunkin Donuts Merritt Island
- Grand Canyon University
- Launch Credit Union

- Domino's Pizza Merritt Island
- Holiday Inn Club Vacations
- HydroGeoLogic, Inc. (HGL)

Lewis Carroll Elementary Needs

Lewis Carroll Elementary School is currently looking for sponsors for our 2024-2025 staff shirts. Shirts are worn each Wednesday and at special events throughout the year and summer. If you are interested in sponsoring staff shirts, please email: miner.jami@brevardschools.org. We have approximately 80 school employees.