Dear Normandy families,

I am reminded daily of what an honor it is to serve this community. As we put this newsletter together it was apparent to all of our contributors that our community is actively pursuing our mission of growing our hearts, expanding our knowledge and skills, and helping one another thrive. Our work this year has touched every aspect of life: the human experience, academics, social emotional learning, creating knowledge, problem solving, and health and wellness. Thank you for supporting Normandy in its relentless pursuit of educating the whole child and walking alongside families each day.

We are currently in the process of creating our 20-21 school year budget and have sought input from various parts of our community. The staff and Partners in Education committee have both provided input, along with our Community Superintendent and Budget Analyst. Normandy’s enrollment is stable and we are happy to announce that we will be a Pre-K through 5th grade school in the 20-21 year.

A question regarding school fees came to light within several of our budget meetings. This year Normandy is experiencing a high volume of unpaid student fees. Community members asked what happens when families are unable to pay these fees. The short answer is unpaid fees are covered by our general fund budget. First, I use funds set aside as at-risk funds, and then if more is needed to cover fees I reallocate funds from other line items such as carry forward, para support, technology for students and teachers, copies and printing, curricular resources, and classroom supplies such as staples or tape.

This led community members to ask why schools charge fees. Schools charge student fees for consumable items such as workbooks, magazine and online subscriptions, or field trips. Consumable items are defined as anything that can be used at home or items taken home after instruction has occurred or for homework practice. Our student fees include, but are not limited to, items such as math homework, math workbooks, our Into Reading Know-It Show-Its, handwriting books, technology fees for bandwidth, and Core Knowledge supplies. Currently, we have about 770 line items that are unpaid which total approximately $10,000.

We understand that families go through hardships and that some of our families have had an extended period of hardship. Free and reduced lunch is an option for families experiencing difficulties. An application for free and reduced lunch can be found here. When families apply for free and reduced lunch, they can also apply to have school fees waived. This
program is completely confidential. If your family is experiencing hardships, we encourage you to apply for assistance. We also have programs at our school to help you and hope you reach out to us, as your name and situation are not shared with any of our staff when you apply.

For those who have not had a chance to pay your 19-20 school fees please contact Lisa Delameter, our Financial Secretary, to make a payment or set up a payment plan. Lisa is also sending invoices to families with unpaid fees. Thank you for helping us with these costs. The approximate $10,000 deficit we are experiencing impacts what we are able to provide for students both this year and next. For example, these funds could be used to fund the purchase of one or more of the following instructional tools: Chromebooks, flat panel interactive screens or new SmartBoards, projectors, copies for all classrooms for an entire year, or be put towards the salary of a paraprofessional. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us fund important items for our 20-21 school year!

This newsletter is PACKED with information for all families. Please let us know if you have any questions about items in the newsletter or your child's academic journey. We are eager to walk alongside you throughout the rest of this year and to watch your student grow and change on their path to success and happiness!

Sincerely,
Andrea Cosens, Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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From our AMP Team

Artistic Endeavors
Keith McConnell

Greetings. Below is a quick glance at concepts each grade will begin in the near future.

5th Grade: Currently they are learning how to draw the figure using correct proportions. We will follow this learning how artists use armatures in sculpture.

4th Grade: Fourth graders are using a drawing app called Sketchpad 5.1 to draw a landscape. They will continue the theme of landscapes using cardboard.

3rd Grade: Currently they are doing their clay unit making cups using the coil building technique. Following this they will focus on architecture and design.

2nd Grade: They are focusing on portraiture inspired by artists Henri Matisse and Sandra Silberzweig. The last trimester they will explore landscapes.

1st Grade: The second trimester will focus on patterns and sequence in art. Sequence in art will be explored through printmaking and weaving.

Kindergarten: The second trimester will focus on learning about different color groups, color mixing, and experimenting with a variety of art materials. They will also begin to explore storytelling in art.

Music Notes
Zach Barrera

“Music in the soul can be heard by the universe.”
Lao Tzu

Hello from the music room. We have a lot of exciting things going on in the music room that I would love to tell you about! First of all, the third graders are getting their first taste of playing the recorder and have been very eager and excited for the opportunity. Also the fifth graders are getting their compositions together for their performance which will happen on February 26th. I am very excited for you to hear their pieces. Additionally, our other grade levels continue to work on craftsmanship, pitch, tone, rhythm, and other musical elements throughout our time together. Finally, Troubadours choir is starting to rehearse again and I have some exciting performance opportunities for them as well. I will be communicating with families as those opportunities arise.
Hello Normandy Families,

We have officially kicked off Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association at Normandy Elementary! Our students will be learning the importance of helping others while keeping their own hearts healthy. Today a representative from the American Heart Association visited our school to help us kick off Kids Heart Challenge with an exciting WARRIOR CHALLENGE presentation featuring our heart hero friends that remind us how to keep our hearts healthy.

We will be sending home information with your student, but we wanted to make it as easy as possible for the students that choose to participate.

To get started download the Kids Heart Challenge App (App Store for iPhone or Google Play for Android) or Visit www.heart.org/khc to join our school’s team.

Meet this year’s Heart Heroes: 2019-2020 HEART HERO INTRODUCTIONS!

PLUS, this year our school is taking the #KHCSlimeChallenge which means any student who raises at least $100 to help us save lives through downloading the Kids Heart Challenge app or on the KHC website will get to SLIME Principal Cosens during a special SLIME CELEBRATION!! Thank you for helping this important mission and also learning how you can keep your heart healthy too! Watch this video to learn more! IT’S TIME TO SLIME VIDEO

Sincerely,
Andrea Cosens, Principal
RAINFOREST WEEK IS COMING!
January 27th - 31st

P.A.C.K. Tips for Parents

Join the fun during P.A.C.K. Week and help your child get more colorful fruits and vegetables into his/her day.

Here are some easy tips to packing great-tasting and nutritious fruits and veggies:

**MONDAY is...**
**Pack PURPLE/BLUE Day**

**PURPLE/BLUE**
Fruits and veggies tend to be among the highest in antioxidant power:
- A child-friendly way to “pack purple” is with 100% grape juice made with purple Concord grapes.
- Since dried fruit counts, too, try packing a snack-sized box of raisins for snack time.
- A plum is a tasty lunchbox addition or try including blueberries or blackberries in a reusable container.

**TUESDAY is...**
**Pack WHITE/TAN/BROWN Day**

**WHITE, TAN, & BROWN**
Fruits and veggies make up this color category:
- The most common white fruit is the banana... and they’re easy to pack and so delicious.
- Your child might enjoy a white peach or a pear.
- Cauliflower florets with ranch dressing are a crunchy lunch addition.

**WEDNESDAY is...**
**Pack RED Day**

**RED**
Fruits and vegetables are a cheery addition to the lunchbox.
- You could send your child to school with a red apple on Pack Red Day.
- Consider packing a few cherries or strawberries for a tasty treat.
- Many kids love red pepper slices or tomato wedges, either with or without some ranch dressing.

**THURSDAY is...**
**Pack YELLOW/ORANGE Day**

**YELLOW/ORANGE**
Fruits and vegetables will brighten up everyone’s day.
- The most common yellow/orange fruit is the orange.
- Baby carrots are super easy to pack and kids just love them.
- Other great yellow/orange options are nectarines, peaches, or pineapple chunks.
- See if your child likes dried apricots. They’re surprisingly delicious and super healthy.

**FRIDAY is...**
**Pack GREEN Day**

**GREEN**
Fruits and vegetables are the most commonly eaten group of fruits and vegetables... but there’s always room for more!
- Green grapes (halves for younger children) and green apples are kid favorites, and they’re easy to send to school on Pack Green Day.
- Celery sticks or green pepper slices are terrific crunchy snacks and can be packed along side ranch dressing for a fun dipping option.
- Other nutritious vegetable choices are snow peas, sugar snap peas, or broccoli florets.
Mrs. Traci Dillard  
Instructional Coach  

Happy New Year Parents and Guardians!

Since we started using a new Reading resource this year our Reading assessments have changed. There are several different types of assessments, which give information about a student’s academic knowledge. I hope that I can explain these to you so you will better understand the information you are getting from Into Reading. Teachers use this information to determine instruction, as well as keeping track of Standards that students master during the year. Example of grading a test is a 80% does not necessarily correlate to an B since the test will be broken down and reported on the report card as a 4, 3, 2 or 1 based on each standard.

**Into Reading Benchmark Assessment:** This takes place in September, December, and May for grades 1st-5th and December and May for Kindergarten. This will assess Reading Accuracy and Comprehension to determine the student’s individual and independent reading levels.

**Growth Measure Assessment Grades 3-5:** The testing is done on the computer and takes about 30 minutes, three times a year in September, December and May. The test is adaptive to each student based on how they respond to the questions. It monitors growth and predicts success on state assessments. It also allows us to track progress over the years. One of the most important things it gives us is a Lexile growth score so we can determine appropriate reading level materials.

**Selection Quizzes Grades 1-5:** These quizzes are given after the weekly reading selection with five multiple-choice comprehension questions aligned to Standards.

**Weekly Assessments:** These weekly assessments consist of 10-15 multiple-choice and constructed response items. They are cold passages (new reads) to measure the student understanding of comprehension, writing, and foundational skills taught during the week. This assessment is administered on the computer or paper.

**Module Assessments:** The module assessments are very similar in format to the weekly assessments. The difference is that the module assessments assess mastery of the skills taught throughout a module across all literacy strands.

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**Normandy Science Fair**

Registration is now open!

Cost is $3.00 per student. Upon payment, students can pick up their presentation board from the Main Office.

Visit the [Science Fair Page](#) for the Registration Form and more information.

This event invites kids from every level to enter their experiment, whether it works or not. It is all about the LEARNING and the FUN they had with their Mom, Dad, siblings or friends as they worked on the project together. We hope your students/ family will join us this year on our epic science adventure!
Dear Normandy Families,

Sharing information about yourself can be a natural and healthy activity as it leads to positive connections and personal growth. However, oversharing can present real safety risks. As our students with 1:1 TechforEd devices utilize more online platforms to build content mastery, their need for understanding privacy and the impact of sharing information online increases.

During the month of December, our classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to **Privacy & Security**. These lessons will introduce students to the concept of online privacy and the potential implications of sharing private information with friends, the public, app providers, and more.

At home you can support your students in understanding Privacy & Security in a variety of ways. With young children, you can compare online with real-life scenarios where private information should not be shared (like interacting with a stranger in a store). With older children, you can talk about encountering clickbait, setting up strong passwords, and messaging with people online.

**Monthly Motto:** *We care about everyone’s privacy.*

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I keep my personal data safe and secure?

**Privacy & Security Family Activities:**
- Kindergarten  [English](#)
- Grade 1  [English](#)
- Grade 2  [English](#)
- Grades 3-5  [English Spanish](#)

**Family Tips Sheet**
Help Boost Kids’ Safety, Privacy, and Security  [English](#)  [Spanish](#)

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**
Common Sense Media  [Resources](#)
Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website

Thank you,

Amy Reseigh

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**Watch DOGS Alert!**

We miss having you at school! Please click on the link below to come and serve for a day. Save the date! We have an official Watch DOGS event scheduled on Friday, February 21st at 7:45am. Come spend time with your child(ren), win prizes, network with other DOGS, and sign up for duty.

[Watch DOGS Sign-Up Genius](#)
Hello Normandy Families,
Welcome back from break! While many students had a wonderful time playing, seeing family, and enjoying time off school, returning to school after time off can be a difficult transition. Within our days, transitioning from one activity to another or re-starting routines can be challenging. Are you noticing your child struggling a bit? Check out these helpful tips on transitions: https://childmind.org/article/how-can-we-help-kids-with-transitions/

Our next School Store day is January 27th. Please help us out by reminding your students that they can buy experiences as well as items, and that they can save up their Knifty Knights if they don’t have enough yet to buy something big they want! We are working hard to make sure we are stocked with items students are wanting, but feel free to email me with any hot tips!

Experiences to purchase include:
- Sitting at the teacher’s desk/ big table,
- sitting in a rocking chair, sitting in the principal’s chair, going to K, 1, or 2 class or recess (for grades 3-5), nail painting & pizza with Ms. Krieger, free time in Ms. Steinberg’s room, Pokemon Go! with Ms. Doherty, time with Del with Mrs. Jones, and many more!

~ SAVE the DATE ~
March 16, 2020
5-8pm at CHS

Columbine Articulation Parent University

Keynote Speaker: Cheezo (internet, social media, and phone safety)
Dinner and Breakout Sessions
More details soon!

Social Emotional Learning
Ms. Andrea Steinberg
Congratulations to our December Knights of the Round Table!

**Kindergarten:** Al Jung and Landon Anderson.

**First Grade:** Nikoletta Athanasopulos, Piper Crawley, Wyatt Roberts, Maddie Tripp, Aurelia Nickum and Gates Proto.

**Second Grade:** Franklin Garver, Drew Hughes, and Rylan Jones.

**Third Grade:** Carson Boll and Quinn Smith.

**Fourth Grade:** Ana Brehm, Tyce Harvey, Weston Enabnit and Thomas Swendsen

**Fifth Grade:** Adam Seaton, Taylor Seehafer, Josiah Miller, Grace Nguyen, Avery Hepting, Carmen Garcia, Addie Hinds, Chloe O’Dell, Camden Nichols and Layne Hansen.

Please check the Lost and Found! It’s overflowing.
Holiday Follies
PTO News...

January 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS:
• Wednesday 1/15: Chipotle Spirit Night
• Thursday 1/23: PTO Meeting 6-7:30pm
• Friday 1/24: Daddy Daughter Dance

TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH
A KNIGHT UNDER THE BIG TOP
Saturday, March 7th, 2020
6 – 11 pm
Pinehurst Country Club
$45 per person/$90 per couple
Beginning January 17th, you can purchase tickets online on the PTO website or via the flyer that will be sent home in a Friday folder after winter break

Chipotle Spirit Night
January 15th from 4 to 8 pm
8100 W Crestline Ave Unit A1, Denver, CO 80123

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT

Save the Date
A Night in Paris
Daddy Daughter Dance
Friday, January 24th from 6-8 pm
$10 Per Family Please RSVP by January 21st

VOLUNTEERING
If you're still looking for a way to be involved in the Normandy community, we encourage you to reach out to a board member for more information. Any amount of help is greatly appreciated.

Board Member Contacts:
Julie Mollerstuen- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Warjul@gmail.com
Teri Grange- 2nd and 4th Grade Grange.teri@gmail.com
Bethany Smith- 3rd and 5th Grade Panchita1180@hotmail.com

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLING PROGRAM
Turn in your used ink & toner cartridges old cell phones, iPads, iPods, laptop and they will get recycled properly. Plus Normandy PTO earns money. Look for the bin outside the front office or visit www.cfktoday.com to learn more.
PTO Presents: A Knight Under the Big Top

Saturday, March 7th

Purchase your tickets by Friday, February 7th and be entered to win 4 drink tickets. You can buy your tickets by completing the flyer below and returning it to school with your check or cash payment. Or, you can purchase your tickets online here.

If you're interested in how you can support this event through sponsorships and donations please visit the auction webpage on the PTO site or email normandyknightspto@gmail.com.
3 (FREE!) Ways to Earn $$ for Normandy Students!!

Amazon Smile - What is it?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice—Normandy Elementary PTO!!

Here's how to shop AmazonSmile:
1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Go to “My Account”
4. Go to “Your Amazon Smile”
5. Search and Select “Normandy Elementary Schools PTO”
6. Be sure to complete ALL your usual Amazon shopping by typing in smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Only Amazon purchases made from smile.amazon.com will earn money for Normandy’s PTO!!

How do I select Normandy as my organization of choice?
1. Sign in to your digital King Soopers account from your computer.
2. Click on “MY ACCOUNT”
3. Click “COMMUNITY REWARDS”
4. Search for NORMANDY ELEMENTARY or type in our organization # : WT736
5. Click “ENROLL”

**You must present your Shopper’s Card or provide your Alternate ID at the register during the transaction in order for your purchase to count toward rewards for Normandy.

BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.
No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school!! All you need is your phone! Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app then register your name and Select “Normandy Elementary” as your school.

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS
Look for the logo. You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT
No more clipping. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL
It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

Clipped BOX TOPS are being phased out...but continue to collect them where you see them on products for our contest coming up in November!

QUESTIONS? Contact normandyknightspto@gmail.com
Changes in your Family?

Normandy will be offering a group to support students whose parents are navigating separation and/or divorce.

We have noticed that this may be something some of our students think about during the school day, and I’d like to help them make sense of this with other kids going through the same thing! This group is open to students K-5. We will discuss topics including why parents get married and divorced, that parents still love their children and children still love both parents, change and grief related to parents divorcing, how to express feelings appropriately, and things to look forward to even when change happens.

Group will be held from 8:15-8:45am on the following 10 days:
2/18, 2/20, 2/21
2/24, 2/25, 2/27, 2/28
3/2, 3/3, 3/6

Interested? Have questions? Email or call me!

Andrea Steinberg, LSW
School Social Worker/SEL Specialist
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303-982-4766
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Food For Thought BakPak Program

Beginning **Friday, August 23rd** (and each Friday thereafter), the **Food For Thought BakPak Program** will distribute sacks filled with food to students who need food during the weekends. The **Food For Thought BakPak Program** is a partnership of businesses, faith-based ministries, and the communities of SW Jefferson County who care about hunger needs of students in our schools. This program is designed for families who are struggling financially and may need support to provide adequate food for their children on weekends. The weekend bags consist of food for meals for each participating student. The food will be packed in a plastic grocery bag. It will fit in the child’s own backpack or will be easy to carry. The bags are distributed to students each Friday.

If you wish for your student(s) to **receive food to bring home each Friday**, please complete the information below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If participating in this program, your student’s name will be shared with Ms. Steinberg and Mrs. Windle, as well as the BakPak program coordinator for the purpose of labeling the bags.

If you do **not** need assistance, but are interested in making a monetary or food item donation toward this program, please contact Andrea Steinberg.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Steinberg at 303-982-4746 or email her at andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us. Thank you!

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_____ Yes, I would like my child(ren) to participate in this program and receive a bag of food each Friday to bring home for the weekend.

Parent Name: __________________________ Parent Phone/Email: __________________________

Student: _______________________________ Classroom Teacher: __________________________

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Are there any severe food allergies that we should contact you to discuss? YES NO
Normandy’s Student Council is asking for your help to support our community this January! We are participating in the Grub Club food drive. Normandy (and the Columbine area) is collecting fruit cups. The drive at Normandy starts on January 13th and ends on January 31st. Please place your donated fruit cups in the box near the main entrance of school. Thank you!

**GRUB CLUB FOOD DRIVE**

**JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 31**

Help us collect

6,500 Fruit Cups!

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**COLUMBINE**

**Columbine Hills Elementary:** 6005 W Canyon Ave, Littleton 80128  
**Columbine HS:** 6201 S Pierce St, Littleton 80123  
**Dutch Creek Elementary:** 7304 W Roxbury Pl, Littleton 80128  
**Governor’s Ranch Elementary:** 5354 S Field St, Littleton 80123  
**Ken Caryl Middle:** 6509 W Ken Caryl Ave, Littleton 80128  
**Leawood Elementary:** 6155 W Leawood Dr, Littleton 80123  
**Normandy Elementary:** 6750 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton 80128

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**WHAT IS GRUB CLUB?**

Grub Club is a bi-weekly program in which homeless and emancipated Jefferson County students receive boxes filled with three days worth of food, as well as personal hygiene products. We need YOUR help in donating food to fill the 1,600+ boxes needed for 2020.
2019-20

JEFFCO GT PARENT LEARNING

Time: 6:15 - 8:00 pm

Location: Jeffco Education Center's 5th floor Boardroom
1829 Denver West Drive #27
Golden, CO 80401

September 12, 2019

Topic: GT Center Information Night
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Locations:
• Jeffco Education Center
  5th Floor Board Room
  1829 Denver West Dr., #27
  Golden, CO 80401
• North Arvada Middle School
  7285 Pierce St.
  Arvada, CO 80003
• Ken Caryl Middle School
  6509 W. Ken Caryl Avenue
  Littleton, CO 80128
• Evergreen Middle School
  2059 Hiwan Dr.
  Evergreen, CO 80439

September 23, 2019

Topic: Affective Goals/Goal Setting, ALM/Affective/Habits of Mind, Executive Functioning, Secondary - choosing college/post-secondary, Secondary - Next Level: Elementary and Middle School, Gifted and Talented 101

November 18, 2019

Guest Speaker: Jenny Hecht
Topic: Building Resiliency
Who Am I and Why does it Matter - The Existential Dilemma

January 27, 2020

Topic: Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Children, Affective Goals/Goal Setting, Early Access, Executive Functioning, Gifted and Talented 101

February 24, 2020

Topic: JAGC/GT Collaboration Panel
JAGC members, parents, GT Resource Teachers, SELCs and students
Only questions around general policies, procedures, GT learners will be addressed by the panel.

Conferences
- Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented 2019 Conference (CAGT)
  October 21 & 22, 2019
  CAGT Website
- A Gifted State of Mind
- National Association of Gifted Children's Convention (NAGC)
  November 7 - 10, 2019
  NAGC Website

303-982-6650
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www.jeffcopublicschools.org/gt
Lice at School
It is that time again!

Winter 2020

STOP THE SPREAD OF LICE
Weekly Head Checks

We encourage you to check your child’s hair on a weekly basis now and throughout the school year. Control of head lice depends on prompt identification, effective treatment, perseverance and teamwork!

Did you know that lice love a party? Lice transmission is more likely to occur through sleepovers, family members and friends that spend large amounts of time together. School is not a common place for the spread of head lice.

How to check for lice:

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Part the hair and look for crawling lice/nits one section at a time. The easiest place to find them is close to the scalp at the back of the neck or behind the ears.
- Lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly. Nits will look like small white/yellow/brown specks and be firmly attached to a hair strand near the scalp.
- Nits can be confused with many other things such as dandruff, dirt particles, or hair product residue. One way to tell the difference is that nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt, or other particles fall off easily.
- Notify your student’s school health room if lice are found or if you have any questions or concerns regarding lice and your student.

If you have additional questions or for information on how to treat identified lice, please read Jeffco Health Services Lice FAQ’s:

Lice FAQ’s

Lice Facts

- 6-12 million people worldwide get head lice every year
- Lice do not spread disease
- Poor hygiene does not cause lice – lice can affect anyone
- Treatment with an approved shampoo, following the directions on the label, along with daily combing with a nit comb is the best treatment
- Lice DO NOT jump or fly
- Lice can only go 24 hours without food (biting the scalp). They do not live in coats, couches, hats, or animals
- Lice are spread by direct head to head contact.