



School Wide Lice Checks

Dear Wilkinson Families

In September 2018 the Wilkinson School Community Council introduced a school-wide lice check program through Lice Squad. Previous to that, regular lice checks were not being done at the school. After dealing with cases firsthand and watching lice cycle through classrooms, a number of parents felt that more could be done to keep lice under control.

The cost of our school-wide lice check program is \$2.26 per child per check. Lice clinics typically charge about \$30/person per check and treatments average \$75/hour/person. Unfortunately, with 500 students at the school, funding the entire program through the Council is not possible. We are therefore asking Wilkinson families to consider contributing **\$5 per child per year** so that this initiative can continue this year and into the future.

Lice can be uncomfortable, and dealing with them can be time consuming and expensive. Anyone can get lice and they spread easily. **Schools that do regular lice checks have fewer cases of lice because they are found early and treated before they spread. Over the course of our three checks last year, we saw this firsthand!**

We do understand that families have different means and different priorities; however, a small contribution from each of us will enable the program to benefit us all. Any amount that you're able to contribute will go into a fund specifically for this program, with the aim of affording (together with Council funding) three checks per year (at the times when outbreaks are most common), depending on the amount raised.

To contribute to this program online via e-transfer, please visit wilkinsonps.org/lice-fund/. To contribute by cash or cheque, please use the form below. You can find both forms, more information about lice, and results from our past school-wide checks at the website link above.

Thank you for your support!

As the Parent Council of a Platinum EcoSchool, we're aiming to reduce our paper trail both for the environment and to put more money into school programs. Help us out by subscribing to our emails, visiting our website, and following us on social media to stay informed. **Both the school and the Parent Council communicate regularly with families through these channels.**

To ensure that you receive all of the information being sent, please join our mailing list by using the form at the bottom right of wilkinsonps.org (look for "Subscribe to the **Wilkinson School Communication Committee** emails").

Wilkinson Lice Check Fund: Form For Cash or Cheque Donations

Submit this form together with your cash or cheque in an envelope marked "Parent Council" to the school by dropping it off with the rest of your forms package to your child's teacher or by leaving it in the School Council mailbox, located in the school office. *Please make cheques payable to "Wilkinson School Community Council".*

Your Name: _____ Amount You're Contributing: _____

Children Included In Contribution: _____ Name & Room # Of One Child*: _____

*(This will enable us to find you if there's any issue, e.g. if a cheque is filled out incorrectly)