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Dear Barry Families,

Over the past few days some families have contacted the school with concerns regarding bedbugs. I would like to take this opportunity to address those concerns.

School staff reported seeing a bedbug in a few classrooms within the school. On April 4th, a letter was sent home with students in classrooms where one had been seen. Although no evidence of an infestation was found, precautions were taken to ensure none were spread. Students in these rooms were asked to place their belongings into plastic bags. These rooms were also thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Our staff have been extra vigilant throughout the building. In the past week only one bug has been reported. This bug was found in our Pre-K classroom. We have no reports of any bugs being transported home with any students.

Bedbugs are non-discriminatory and can be found in places such as hotels, hospitals, movie theatres, on public transportation, or in any public space. They can be transported from one place to another on clothing, luggage, backpacks or other items. Bedbugs are reddish brown, oval, flat, and about the size of an apple seed. They typically hide in cracks and crevices of beds and mattresses, sofas, and other plush furniture. They also hide in holes in walls (electrical plates for example) and other miscellaneous clutter. They are generally active at night.

If you identify a bedbug in your child's belongings or suspect that your child has bedbug bites, we ask that you notify our school nurse and contact your physician for proper care and treatment of bedbug bites.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we address this issue. Flyers with guidelines regarding bedbugs from the EPA are available in the main office.

Best Regards,

Jordan Ashley, Principal