

PAWHUSKA



HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We recently found bed bugs in classrooms at your child's school. Bed bugs are a nuisance, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body. If you have medical concerns for you or your child, please contact your doctor. Bed bugs typically enter schools on students, student's clothing, and bags, from infested areas.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including homes, bedding, hotels, planes, and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, Pawhuska Public Schools conducts regular pest and rodent inspections. The district has implemented an integrated pest management plan in the areas where bed bugs were found, as well as a district pest and rodent treatment plan for all other classrooms and district buildings. Pawhuska Public Schools will continue to work to identify bed bugs, provide thorough inspections of schools, and have our licensed pest control specialists assist with pest management.

District policy provides guidance on how student health issues are covered in our schools and decisions are made by school administration. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your school, please contact Principal Lee at 918-287-1265 or llee@pawhuskadistrict.org. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, contact your local health department or visit <http://pested.okstate.edu/html/bedbug.html>.

Sincerely,

Lauri Lee
Principal