



# Unified District No. 338

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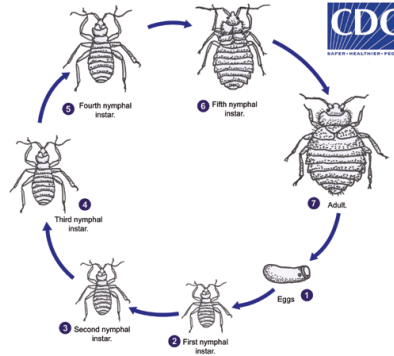
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Dear Parents:

Unfortunately, we have discovered a few bed bugs on students entering the building. The school district has contacted our exterminators and has worked in conjunction with them to be as proactive as possible to prevent any lingering effects for our students and staff. We will continue to work with families and monitor each situation closely.

Bed bugs are an issue that has become more prevalent in recent years almost everywhere. The best thing we can do at this point is to be vigilant helping to watch for any unwanted intruders in our homes. Below is a picture detailing the growth cycle of a bed bug; what to look for. The attached links will provide more detailed information. We encourage you to become more aware of what to look for and the safe practices that can help you prevent the possibility of bringing a hitchhiker into your home.



<https://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/guide/bedbugs-infestation#1>

<https://www.epa.gov/bedbugs>

<https://www.doyourownpestcontrol.com/bed-bugs.htm>

If you think you have an issue with bed bugs in your home, below are a few immediate steps you can take that will help reduce the risk of bed bugs hitchhiking to the school.

1. Please keep all clothes, shoes, backpacks, lunch boxes, coats, homework, books and laptops away from beds, upholstered furniture, and carpet.
2. Any items that must be stored near beds or other furniture should be placed in a clear plastic bin or a sealed plastic bag until the student needs to take them outside the home.
3. If you suspect that these items have been in contact with beds or other furniture, please place these items in a dryer on high heat for at least 20 minutes. Also, items can be laundered by washing and drying on the hottest settings the fabric can safely withstand.
4. After washing and drying clothes, please store them in a sealed container or sealed bag until use.

If you have any questions, please contact the district office at 945-3214.

Valley Falls Administration

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