

James Burd Elementary School

Home of the Greyhounds!!!

SHIPPENSBURG AREA

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We have recently found a bed bug specimen in our school. Bed bugs are small insects that usually are active at night. The bite is painless and may or may not become swollen and itch, much like that of a mosquito bite. While bed bugs are a nuisance, they are not known to spread disease. If you have concerns for you or your child, you should call your family doctor.

Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, Shippensburg Area School District, has already treated the possible infected areas by contracting with a certified pest control agent. Soft items (such as clothing and plush animals) have been treated or put in the drier on high heat to kill any possible bugs. The affected bus has also been pulled from service and will not be used until it has been fully treated. We will continue to conduct visual inspections to ensure all students' well-being.

More information about bed bugs can be found online at:

<http://extension.psu.edu/pests/ipm/schools-childcare/schools>

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, please call our local department of health at 717/243-5151.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jenkins, Principal