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To Parents/Guardians:

Your child may have been exposed to Fifth Disease (Parvovirus B19) at school. Fifth Disease is a viral infection spread through the respiratory secretions that occurs most often in elementary school aged children.

Symptoms usually appear 4 to 14 days after being exposed to the virus.

Common Signs and Symptoms:

- Low grade fever and tiredness
- Appearance of a lacy rash on the cheeks which gives a "slapped face" appearance
- Rash may be "itchy"
- Some children may have no symptoms at all

Fifth disease appears to be contagious during the early part of the illness prior to the appearance of the rash.

NOTE: Those with chronic red blood cell disorders (e.g., Sickle Cell disease) should contact their healthcare provider if exposed to Fifth disease).

Please notify the School Office at _____ if your child becomes ill with Fifth Disease or if you have any questions or concerns. Further information can be found on www.cdc.gov.

Sincerely,