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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 if your child becomes ill with Fifth Disease or if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,