



Randy Smith Middle School



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Our students reach for the stars

Randy Smith Families,

I would like to inform you that a few bed bugs have been discovered in three classrooms. Upon discovery, we have been cleaning and disinfecting rooms appropriately and will continue to monitor these areas closely. Plans for a more thorough fumigation that will require the building to be closed for several days over winter break are in place.

As a precaution, we encourage you to check your child's clothes, backpack, & belongings when they get home from school for the next few days. The general recommendation is to wash clothes in hot water for 30 minutes. Then put them directly in a dryer on the highest heat setting for at least 30 minutes.

Basic facts about bed bugs:

1. Adult bed bugs are about 3/16- inch long and reddish-brown, with oval, flattened bodies. They can be mistaken for ticks or cockroaches. Immature bed bugs are smaller and lighter in color.
2. Bed bugs do not fly, but can move rapidly over floors, walls, ceilings and other surfaces.
3. They do not live on people. However, they can hitchhike in backpacks, clothing, luggage, books, etc.
4. Bed bugs are active mainly at night. During the day, they hide close to where people sleep.
5. A common concern with bed bugs is whether they transmit disease. Although they can harbor pathogens, transmission to humans is considered unlikely.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at 907-458-7600.

Sincerely,
Dave Dershin
Principal