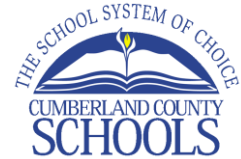




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Health Department, Schools Notify Parents, Offer Free Testing After Lead Hazards Found at Montclair Elementary School

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health and Cumberland County Schools are working together to ensure the safety of students and staff at Montclair Elementary School after an environmental study found lead hazards in areas accessible to children attending the facility at 555 Glensford Drive.

Parents of students at the school will receive a letter from Cumberland County Public Health Director Buck Wilson and Schools Superintendent Dr. Frank Till notifying them of the lead investigation.

Following Health Department recommendations, the school system has implemented measures to eliminate student exposure and access to areas where the lead hazards were found, while they work to eradicate the lead hazards.

Water samples collected at the school did not show any lead levels. The primary route for lead entering the blood of children under 6 years of age is through ingestion of lead-contaminated dust occurring from hand to mouth activity.

No student is known to have elevated blood levels; however, the Department of Public Health will offer free blood lead-level testing for students. No appointment is necessary at the Health Department located at 1235 Ramsey Street, but one is recommended. Call 433-3600 to make an appointment. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., with extended hours every second and fourth Tuesday until 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns about the health effects of lead or about the blood test, please contact Sandra Shipley, Cumberland County Health Lead Nurse, at (910) 433- 3689.

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