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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Multiple students at County Line have been diagnosed with conjunctivitis (pink eye), an infection of the eye and the inner surface of the eyelid. Pinkeye is common among children and is usually caused by a virus or bacteria, but may be caused by an allergy or other eye irritants.

The whites of the eyes and the inner surface of the eyelids appear reddened and the eyelids may be swollen. The eyes look watery with a white, yellow, or clear discharge. This discharge may make the eyelashes sticky. One or both eyes can be affected.

Pinkeye can be spread through hand contact or toys that have been contaminated with eye discharge.

Avoid touching the infected eye and thoroughly wash your hands before and after cleaning or medicating the eye. Do not share clothing, towels, or bedding used by the infected child. To prevent the spread of pinkeye to other family members, everyone in the family should carry out these precautions.

See your health care provider if your child develops symptoms of pinkeye. Eye medicine may be needed.

An information sheet about this disease is included. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your support in keeping our kids healthy.

Sincerely,

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