



Keila Barrett, president, of the Chambersburg Lyme Alliance recently wrote to CASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Padasak, "As you are aware, May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. You had given permission to our organization, Chambersburg Lyme Alliance, to place lime green ribbons around the school district buildings showing support for this ever so horrible disease. I wanted to take a moment to provide some educational information that I am hoping you will pass along to all of your admin, staff and teachers. Because without this, those green bows are just that- green bows hanging on a tree."

Here is that important information:

- Lyme Disease is the fastest growing vector-borne disease in the US.**
- Pennsylvania leads all other states with the highest number of reported cases.**
- 1 in 2 ticks in Franklin County carry Lyme Disease.**
- Ticks live in grass, not just woods and fields. That means you can bring ticks in from your yard.**
- Wearing sprays such as Pyrethrin (on your clothes) and Deet (on your skin) will protect you from getting ticks on you.**
- Sprays should be used anytime you go outdoors. They're available at Walmart, Target, Tractor Supply, etc.**
- Children and people with suppressed immune systems are at the highest risk for contracting Lyme Disease.**
- There is no known cure for Lyme Disease, you WILL live with it for the rest of your life.**

"Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to reach out to our organization, Chambersburg Lyme Alliance. We are available by email: chambersburglymealliance@gmail.com, website www.chambersburglymealliance.org, or on Facebook. We also welcome new volunteers to help with our organization. See website for more details," said Ms. Barrett.