

RUNNEMEDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

September, 2012

Dear Parent, Guardian or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Runnemeade School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the district's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school. The IPM Coordinator for our district is:

Mr. Butch Bruner, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Runnemeade School District
505 W. Third Avenue
Runnemeade, NJ 08078
856-931-5365, ext. 224

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a district's pest management plan the Runnemeade School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure. Listed below are the pesticides which were used in our grounds maintenance program during the 2011-2012 school year:

Western Pest Services

Catch Master Glue Boards (Cherry)

Also, listed on the reverse of this page is the district's IPM policy/plan. If you have any questions regarding the policy/plan, please do not hesitate to contact our coordinator.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy Ward
Superintendent of Schools