Welcome to the August edition of the Stop School Pests Newsletter!

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National Education Association

A Safer Way to Keep Schools Pest Free

The IPM Institute and the National Education Association (NEA) are working together to bring IPM training to NEA members. Read how IPM training is an important part of continuing education for school employees.

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Orkin Pest Control

Ask the Right Questions to Keep Pests Out of School

There are a few key questions that school IPM coordinators and staff should ask a pest control professional to make sure the school is attacking pests at the source. "Pest sightings often indicate a sanitation or maintenance issue, so simply eliminating the existing pests may not resolve the concern", says Patrick Copps,
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

**IPM for Microorganisms: Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing**

Disinfecting wipes are sometimes included on students’ school supplies list. However, not everyone knows that disinfecting wipes are registered pesticides and come with label directions for intended and safe use. Many products can be harmful when touched or inhaled, which can pose health-risks to students with asthma or compromised lung function.

Read the full article here

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**Upcoming Events**

- **September 13 & 18, 2017** *Bed Bugs in Chicago: Expert Webinar Series* hosted by the Midwest Pesticide Action Center [register online](#)
- **March 19-22, 2018** *9th International IPM Symposium* Baltimore, MD

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