



NEWS ROUNDUP

IPM in Schools - June 2017

Welcome to the June edition of the Stop School Pests News Roundup!

This month's newsletter brings you information on three very popular pests: ticks, mosquitoes and bed bugs.

As part of a grant to develop tools and training for school nurses, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry **invites all school nurses to participate in a brief survey** about pest issues and concerns at their schools. The results will be used to ensure that materials and information developed aid school nurses in the prevention and management of health-risks by pests on school properties. Please share the link [here](#) with your district's school nurses to take the survey! The project has been endorsed by the National Association of School Nurses.

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University of Rhode Island

Tick Resource Center

Ticks are active in the hot and humid climate of many states of the North Central US. Students and school staff are at risk for tick encounters that can have severe consequences if a tick carries disease-causing pathogens. Read up on the top ten things to know about ticks on [tickencounter.org](#), a resource center from the University of Rhode Island that provides credible and accessible information around all things tick.

[Read Dr. Mather's article here](#)



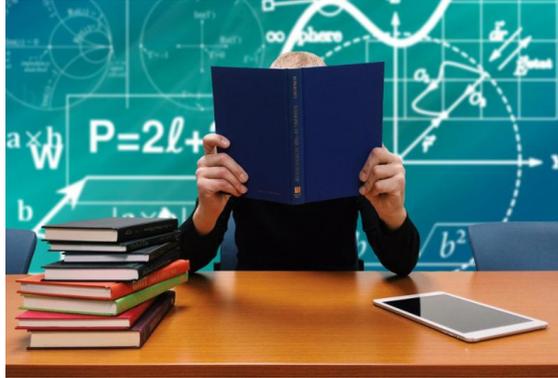


Pest Control Technology Magazine

Mosquito Top 50

Mosquitoes are an ongoing health concern not only in the South, but also in the states of the North Central region of the US. Atlanta ranks first on the top 50 mosquito cities, but the list also includes 10 metro areas in the North Central region. The list ranks cities based on number of mosquito customers served over the last year by pest control professionals.

[See the full list here.](#)



Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

Do you know your school's bed bug protocol?

Bed bugs happen, even in schools. Both public and private schools are increasingly reporting incidences with bed bugs. Dr. Mike Merchant, Professor and Urban Entomologist at Texas A&M, describes how bed bug protocols in schools can help solve the problem without stigmatizing affected children who are exposed to bed bugs at home.

[Read the full article here](#)

9th IPM Symposium

Nominate your school district or an individual for the IPM Achievement Award

Does your school have an outstanding IPM program? Do you know someone who has made exceptional achievements in IPM adoption, implementation and program maintenance? The organizers of the 9th International IPM Symposium are seeking nominations for the Achievement Awards which recognize outstanding programs and individuals. School districts have been recognized in the past. Consider nominating someone today! **Nominations will be accepted through June 30, 2017.** The Awards will be presented at a ceremony during the 9th International IPM Symposium March 19-22, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. [Click here to apply or learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

June 29, 2017 Protect Against Pests: Integrated Pest Management Workshop for Housing and Facility Managers Offered by Midwest Pesticide Action Center, Wojcik Conference Center at Harper College, Illinois

July 12, 2017 Lawn and Land Forum: Water Conversation Webinar by Midwest Grows Green
March 19-22, 2018 9th International IPM Symposium Baltimore, MD

