



NEWS ROUNDUP

IPM in Schools - May 2017

Welcome to the May edition of the Stop School Pests News Roundup! This month's newsletter brings you an IPM success story from a school district in Arizona, news on bugs coming your way in spring and summer this year and tips and tools to tackle head lice.

Looking for free online training resources to learn about or teach IPM in schools? Take a look at the [free Stop School Pests training presentations](#). [Contact us](#) to earn a certificate after taking the training!

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University of Arizona

IPM Star certification recognizes Arizona school district for maintaining clean, healthy and pest-free campuses

Maricopa Unified School District has earned IPM STAR certification after undergoing a thorough, 37-point evaluation of its pest management program. Dr. Shujuan Li is an Assistant in Extension with the University of Arizona and describes the teamwork that went into the district's achievement.

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



District team meets with Extension staff before the evaluation



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Resources

Controlling Head Lice with IPM

Head lice can be contracted through head-to-head contact while playing, or through hats, headphones, combs or bedding. IPM can help avoid, identify and control head lice. These resources offer practical tips:

- [The IPM Action Plan for Head Lice](#)
- PennState Extension on [How to Eliminate Head Lice with IPM](#)
- The National Association of School Nurses' [Lice Lessons](#)
- The Stop School Pests [module for School Nurses](#)



National Pest Management Association

Americans can expect a very buggy spring and summer

The National Pest Management Association's bi-annual bug barometer depicts expected pest activity throughout the U.S. for the upcoming warmer seasons. According to the bug barometer, after exceptionally milder winter temperatures across much of the country, and periodic heavy precipitation or moisture in most areas, spring and summer will likely see much pest activity.

[Read the full forecast here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events related to integrated pest management, healthy schools and environmental health.

June 29, 2017 Integrated Pest Management Workshop for Housing and Facility Managers

Wojcik Conference Center at Harper College, Illinois

May 9, 2017 Which Came First? The Bed or the Bug? Bed Bugs 201 EPA Webinar

March 19-22, 2018 9th International IPM Symposium Baltimore, MD