



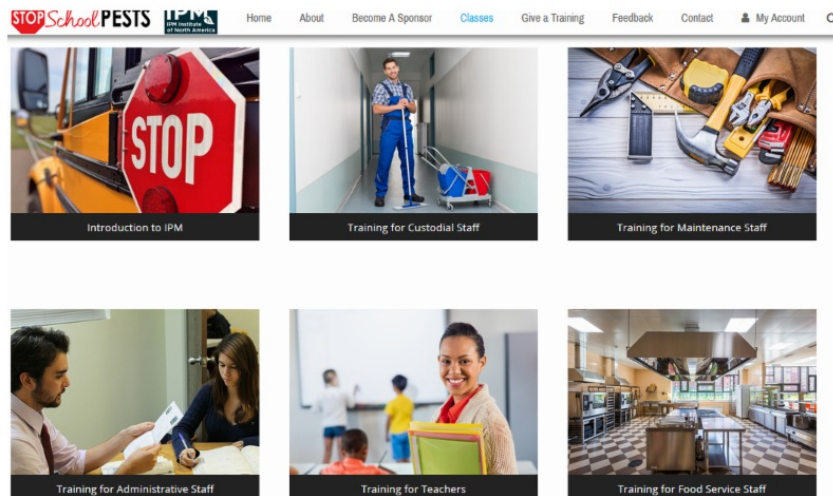
# NEWS ROUNDUP

## IPM in Schools - December 2017

The National and North Central School IPM Working Group have collaborated with other IPM experts across the country on Stop School Pests, a training program for K12 school employees. Stop School Pests' new online training program will provide important tools to help school staff implement more effective pest-control programs with IPM. The courses are now live at [StopSchoolPests.com](http://StopSchoolPests.com).

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### New, Free Online Training for School Employees

The School IPM Working Group and other national IPM experts collaborated to develop IPM training for nine different groups of school employees. The training courses are now available in an online version at [www.StopSchoolPests.com](http://www.StopSchoolPests.com) and include modules for

custodians, maintenance staff, food services professionals, school nurses, landscape and grounds managers, facility managers, administrators and teachers as well as an additional IPM Basics training for everyone. The development of the website was made possible with the support of the North Central School IPM Center and the National Education Association. [Read, download and share the full press release here](#)

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## The Role of School Nurses in Integrated Pest Management for Public Health

In many public schools, resources are spread thin. Facility managers may not always have the budget for the labor or materials necessary for effective IPM. But when facility managers and nurses come together to ask administrators or school boards for more resources for IPM, their requests have more heft, says Kathy Murray, Ph.D., of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Kathy works with the Northeast School IPM Working Group to [engage school nurses in IPM for public health pests in schools](#) and uses the [Stop School Pests training module for School Nurses](#). This project aims to give school nurses the tools, resources, and training that they need to promote and support IPM policies in schools.

[Read the full article in EntomologyToday here](#)

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Join us in March 2018 at the [9th International IPM Symposium in Baltimore](#) for our **School IPM Meet and Greet on March 20th at 5pm!** This event is for anyone attending the Symposium who is interested in IPM in schools and wants to network with other school IPM professionals or learn about current issues and new resources. For more information or if you wish to attend this event please [email us!](#)

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## Upcoming Events

January 23, 2018 Webinar [IPM for a Healthier Home and Community](#), United States Environmental Protection Agency  
March 19-22, 2018 [9th International IPM Symposium](#), Baltimore, MD  
March 20, 2018, 5pm, [School IPM Meet and Greet](#), Baltimore, MD

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