



MEDFORD LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Neeta and Nokomis Elementary Schools

September 1, 2016

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member,

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Medford Lakes Public Schools follow an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and implement an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy that can be found on the district website.

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 principal of the school or his/her designee is appointed annually by the Board of Education to serve in the capacity of IPM Coordinator.

The IPM Coordinator for Medford Lakes School District is:

Carole Ramage

Phone number: (609) 654-0991 ext. 502

District Business Address: 44 Neeta Trail, Medford Lakes NJ 08055

The IPM Coordinator with the support of the Custodial Supervisor – Mr. Greg Witham, maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) 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. The IPM Coordinator and Custodial Supervisor are 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 school pest management plan the Medford Lakes 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.

- A copy of the school or school district's IPM policy can be found on the district website under the district information tab
- The date, time, and place of any meeting if one is to be held for the purpose of adopting or modifying the school integrated pest management policy or plan will be publicly posted on the district website
- A list of pesticides that are in use or that have been used in the past 12 months on school property can be requested by contacting Mr. Witham. (609) 654-5155 ext. 112 or gwitham@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Carole M. Ramage

Director of Curriculum/Nokomis School Principal/District 504 Coordinator/District IPM Coordinator