

August 19, 2008

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Moon Area School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for those pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the school will try and use the least toxic products when possible. Application will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated.

Parents and guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the school district by completing and returning the attached form.

Exemptions to this notification process include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices and voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have questions, please contact Alan Criswell, IPM Coordinator, at 412-264-9440, extension 1123 or Alan Bennett, Director of Fiscal and School Services at 412-264-9440, extension 1102.

Sincerely yours,

Donna K. Milanovich, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY REQUEST
MOON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Superintendent,

I hereby request the Moon Area School District to notify me if my child's school building or grounds are to be treated with pesticides.

I know that under the new Pesticide Notification Act, public schools are required to notify parents when children could be exposed to pesticides in their school.

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
School(s):	1.
	2.
	3.
Signature:	Date:

Return to: Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
Moon Area School District
8353 University Boulevard
Moon Township, PA 15108