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National Activities and Events 2010



National Healthy Schools Day is coordinated by Healthy Schools Network in cooperation with US EPA and CEFPI

Teleconference Series: Healthy Schools, Healthy Children, and the Environment



American Association
on Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' Environmental Health Initiative will host a series of teleconference calls that will be free and open to the public on topics relating to healthy schools, healthy children, and the environment. AAIDD represents the intellectual and developmental disability community and aims to raise awareness regarding the association between developmental disabilities and toxic exposures and when possible – prevent unnecessary disability. As all communities should be concerned with chemical exposures the developmental disability community should be no different. An environment and lifestyle free from toxic exposures should be afforded to everyone, including our most vulnerable.

Please visit <http://www.aaidd.org/ehi/> for more information

Webinar: Make Your Existing School a High Performance School



The Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) will host a free webinar: Make Your Existing School a High Performance School

Join the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) for an introduction to the Operations Report Card (ORC), a new program that helps existing schools improve their building performance. The ORC – a low-cost online program designed for district-wide use – benchmarks, analyses and recommends improvements in school indoor air quality, thermal comfort, visual comfort, acoustics, and energy efficiency. A representative from the ORC pilot program will also describe their experience with the program first-hand. The webinar begins at 11:30 AM PDT, 2:30 PM EDT. Register at www.chps.net/NHSD2010.

Webinar/Speaker: Green Cleaning Procedures Lead to Cost Savings and Improved Attendance



Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) as a sponsor of National Healthy Schools Day is proud to offer an educational webinar in partnership with North East ISD, titled Green Cleaning Procedures Lead to Cost Savings and Improved Attendance featuring Rock Whitney, Director for Facility Support and Ron Clary, Executive Director for Facility Support and Maintenance. Cost Savings, improved attendance, health benefits, public awareness, and employee appreciation are some of the program benefits. North East ISD will provide a formula for successfully implementing effective policies and procedures, as well as a blue print for outlining the operations based approach to our program. Register today:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/690185376>.

Putting the Pieces Together: A School Leader's Guide to Healthy Indoor Environments



American Association of School Administrators' (AASA) Healthy Schools Environments project will be publishing and distributing "Putting the Pieces Together: A School Leader's Guide to Healthy Indoor Environments."

This interactive document introduces the school community to six common challenges that may be encountered when implementing and sustaining a healthy indoor environmental plan/program and examples on how to overcome them: 1) Maintaining strong leadership, 2) Dealing with overcrowding, 3) Increasing Awareness and Prioritizing Indoor Environmental Quality, 4) Implementing effective communication strategies, 5) Overcoming financial barriers, and 6) Creating networking opportunities.

This guide will enable school districts to prepare for an IAQ plan or strengthen an existing one.

Online Course: What's Your IEQ? A Road Map to School Indoor Environmental Quality



The National Education Association Health Information Network (NEA HIN) will release "What's Your IEQ? A Road Map to School Indoor Environmental Quality" This online course will be available to school employees nationwide through the NEA Academy and is a partnership of NEA HIN, NEA, and the NEA Academy . The 4.5 hour interactive course educates on the identification, prevention, and resolution of IEQ issues.

Annual Conference and Trade Show Promotes National Healthy Schools Day



On this National Healthy Schools Day the members of The National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) are attending the national conference and trade show which is focused on these important topics. The membership will carry the lessons learned back to their districts and to others in their state. It would be our hope that every school district uses this day to reflect on what they can do to act responsibly and ensure each and every school is as healthy as possible.

Green Cleaning Workshop



US EPA Region 3 will be hosting a webinar for child care facilities in its 6-state region (PA, DE, MD, WV, VA, and DC) that want to learn more about greening their childcare facility by learning about alternatives to usual cleaning products and pesticides and a regional resource that is available to answer questions about environmental health problems among children.

Congressional Healthy Schools Day Resolutions



Congressman Paul D. Tonko (D-NY, 21st District) introduced House Resolution 1280, in support of National Healthy Schools Day.

Webinar: School Siting



Healthy Schools Network hosted a school siting webinar, on April 22, 2010 at 4 PM EDT, with guest speaker Steve Fishbach of RI Legal Services. Mr. Fishback also served on the EPA advisory work group on school siting.

Email mcoleman@healthyschools.org for call in information.

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Webinar: Air Pollution Concentrations Around Schools in Michigan



Healthy Schools Network will host a webinar, on April 27, 2010 at 4 PM EDT, focusing on Air Pollution Concentrations around Schools in Michigan. Presenters for the webinar will be Dr. Paul Mohai and Dr. Byoung-Suk Kweon from the School of Natural Resources & Environment at the University of Michigan. Dr. Mohai is a member of EPA's advisory workgroup on School Air Toxics Monitoring.

Email mcoleman@healthyschools.org for call in information.

Webinar: Getting Started in Green Cleaning



The webinar: Getting Started in Green Cleaning will be hosted on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 4 PM EDT by Healthy Schools Network-New York Program and sponsored by US EPA/2, for New York State Mid-Hudson-Capital District schools and communities, with school facility director Allan Wakefield presenter, and co-sponsored by State Education Department, NYSUT, CSEA and School Buildings and Grounds Association (SBGA). Email info@healthyschools.org for details.

Local Activities and Events 2010*

Alabama

Gubernatorial National Healthy Schools Day Proclamation

Governor Bob Riley of Alabama has signed a Proclamation making April 26, 2010 National Healthy Schools Day in Alabama. This is the second year for this proclamation.

Notify the Board and Community

Nancy Swan, a presenter at the **Mobile** Writer's Guild annual Conference, told the story of her toxic poisoning while teaching and her role in protecting the indoor air environment in schools. She passed out information about NHSD, the EPA Tools for Schools program, and encouraged their support to encourage school participation in these programs.

Notify the Board and Community

Nancy Swan spoke to the **Mobile** County School Board on March 23, 2010 and requested that they encourage the more than one hundred schools in the district to participate in activities for National Healthy Schools Day. Ms. Swan also passed out information and encouraged the parents and teachers in attendance to join in support of NHSD. In addition she submitted Op-Ed pieces to the Mobile Press Register and Birmingham News, Birmingham News, Montgomery Advertiser and the Huntsville Times highlighting National Healthy Schools Day.

California

Members of the California Schools Environmental Health and Asthma Collaborative (SEHAC)

SEHAC Member: California Teachers Association and the Green Schools Initiative- California Legislature National Healthy Schools Day Resolution

California Legislature adopted Resolution (ACR 145) declaring April 26, 2010 California Healthy Schools Day. The Resolution highlights the importance of good indoor air quality at schools for student and staff health, attendance, and academic achievement, and urges schools to take steps to improve indoor air quality, including switching to less-toxic "green" cleaning, as well as implementing integrated pest management and ensuring adequate ventilation. The Resolution will be transmitted to the State Superintendent for Public Instruction; the Secretary of Education; the Directors of the California Department of Public Health, the California Air Resources Board, the California Department of General Services, and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

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SEHAC Member: AIR (Achievements in Respiratory) Health Awards



On April 26, California Breathing, an asthma program in the California Department of Public Health in **Sacramento**, will announce the recipients of the 2nd Annual AIR (Achievements in Respiratory) Health Awards. The award is presented annually to K-12 schools that have succeeded in creating asthma-friendly environments and improving indoor air quality for students.

SEHAC Member: Initiate/Strengthen IAQ Program

Breathe California is proud to support the efforts of the San Francisco Asthma Task Force in working with **San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD)** to implement and strengthen their asthma management and indoor air quality programming. SFUSD has a number of exciting initiatives to support the health of students and staff this Spring: 1) Transition all custodial cleaning products to green products that do not contain astmagens (chemicals that can cause asthma); 2) Prohibiting the use of consumer cleaning products and deodorizers in the classroom and promoting less-toxic cleaning products and methods; 3) Implementing US EPA's Tools for Schools as a student project as part of the science curriculum at School of the Arts High School and Horace Mann Middle School.

SEHAC Member: Notify Board and Community

Emery Unified School District will give a presentation to the School Board regarding the status of the 2005 Green Schools Resolution. The presentation will include Green Cleaning; report on Tools for Schools program and walk through with the EPA and recommendation for adoption of Green Schools Operations Policy.

SEHAC Member: Release of Green Cleaning Guide

Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (RAMP), in **Oakland**, will release, via our 800+ member asthma listserv, an advocacy guide on green cleaning in schools. This release will be in conjunction with an announcement of the passage of a state resolution on healthy schools that declares April 26th California Healthy Schools Day.

SEHAC Member: Green Cleaning Toolkit

The Green Schools Initiative's, in **Berkeley**, is encouraging the use of its "Green Cleaning Toolkit" to promote "Cleaning for Asthma Safe Schools" (CLASS). The Toolkit can be found at: <http://www.greenschools.net/article.php?id=245>. You can find fact sheets, sample school board policies, sample letters to send to your school, forms to inventory your school's cleaning products, profiles of schools already doing green cleaning, and directories of safer cleaning products and disinfectants. It's easy to switch to green cleaning! Use our Toolkit to help you get

SEHAC Member: Asthma-Safe Cleaning Products

The Cleaning for Asthma-Safe Schools (CLASS) program, in **Richmond**, is a joint partnership between the Work-Related Asthma Prevention Program in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Green Schools Initiative. CLASS helps California schools adopt safer cleaning methods to protect worker and student health as well as to prevent asthma. CLASS is working with 3 school districts and a statewide charter school to pilot asthma-safe cleaning products and methods. Participants - custodians, purchasers, administrators, etc. - have learned how cleaning products can adversely affect the indoor environment in their schools. They are working on choosing and purchasing safer cleaning products and using safer work methods, all with the goal of reducing harmful chemical exposures among cleaning staff, other school personnel, and students. For more information, visit us online at http://www.californiabreathing.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=42&Itemid=56.

Bloggging National Healthy Schools Day

Janelle Sorensen, Senior Writer and Health Consultant for Healthy Child Healthy World in Los Angeles, posted an article to parent blogs nationwide entitled *Kids Behaving Brilliantly*, highlighting IAQ and National Healthy Schools Day. Article can be found on several sites including: http://healthychild.org/blog/comments/kids_behaving_brilliantly/

Connecticut

School Ventilation Position Statement

The CT Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools (ConnFESS), in **Pomfret Center**, has been circulating its revised School Ventilation Position Statement as a part of its recognition of National Healthy Schools Day. The following organizations are endorsers: CT State Medical Society, CT Nurses Association, CT PTA, CT Occupational Safety and Health, CT Sierra Club and Ecological Health Organization. It will be posted on www.pollutionfreeschools.org for National Healthy Schools Day and open to additional endorsements.

Delaware

Classroom Tip Sheet

The Paul M. Hodgson Vo-Tech district IAQ committee, in **Wilmington**, has created an information sheet that is being e-mailed to the whole school on National Healthy Schools Day. The information sheet will be used to enhance the IAQ committee's work. They will also conduct classes on using green cleaners.

Green Cleaning Training

The Paul M. Hodgson Vo-Tech district, in **Wilmington**, will conduct classes on using green cleaners.

Florida

School District Proclamation

School District of Palm Beach County composed a proclamation to be read at the April 21, 2010, School Board meeting where they will have a group of students accepting the proclamation and saying a few words about what healthy schools means to them. The proclamation will also be sent out in an e-mail blast to the entire District on or about April 25th.

Building Evaluation Walk Thru

Odyssey Charter School, in **Palm Bay**, will be using their healthy and environmentally certified building as a teaching tool for our students. Conducting student led tours to highlight their construction and operations.

Georgia

Video Presentation on School Environments



Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit at **Emory** University has consulted school personnel in their region to learn about their priorities and interests regarding the school environment. Their team used this input to design educational materials for the benefit of school principals and administrators, teachers and school nurses, facility managers, as well as parents.

School videos are also available and provide an introduction and instruction to several school environmental issues and are available at no cost for non-commercial use, at http://www.sph.emory.edu/PEHSU/PEHSU_VideoPg/PEHSU_videopage.html

In addition an Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools webinar on Asthma Management in Schools. This will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 1:00 PM.

Illinois

Poster Contest

The Computer Graphics class at **Elmwood Park** High School was given the assignment to create a Healthy Schools Day Poster using Photoshop. Students were asked to research the day and design a poster that will publicize the event. At least one poster will be hung at each of the district schools.

Kentucky

"No Idle" Sign Installation Caps Award Winning Program

The Safety and Environmental Office of the Jefferson County Public Schools in **Louisville** officially kicks off a program to install "No Idle" signs in school car pick up lanes, while educating staff and parents on reducing air pollution.

With this initiative JCPS continues to build on other healthy schools programs. Among these are a current "no idle" policy on school buses, a Green Cleaning Products program in all 165 schools/facilities, an enhanced IPM pest control program, a continuing science safety inspection of all science classrooms, a successful science chemical cleanout program, the adoption of the NIOSH Chemistry Laboratory Safety Guide as the district's chemical hygiene plan for science laboratories, the elimination of trans fat and fried foods from served lunches, an expanded school nurse program, a continuing Indoor Air Quality program spotlighted by the 2002 EPA Excellence and 2006 EPA National Model of Sustained Excellence awards including continuing efforts to reduce possible asthma triggers, the replacing of Styrofoam lunch trays with biodegradable materials, and the adoption of a Single Stream Recycling program that recycles 100-150 tons of material monthly."

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Maine

Green Cleaning Training

During their training week of April 20th, Clean-O-Rama will offer 3 separate area training events, in **Bangor, Waterville, Gardiner**, that include green cleaning, your next green move, improved IAQ with micro fiber, chemical free cleaning equipment, work place safety, & personal safety. Their vendor partners will also showcase their environmentally friendly third party certified products and equipment options.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association Workshop



Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association hosted a workshop entitled: Parent/School Partnerships for Safe Kids and Healthy Schools at its 100th Anniversary Retreat on April 10, 2010. The workshop was presented by Ellie Goldberg, M.Ed. Director, Vice President Legislation Massachusetts PTA, as part of the Massachusetts PTA 100th Anniversary Celebration (1921-2010).

Healthy Kids Key to Basics- Hero Award

Every year, in anticipation of School Building week, Ellie Goldberg, M.Ed, Healthy Kids: The Key to Basics/VP Legislation, Mass PTA names a Healthy Schools Hero whose inspirational leadership protects students from chemical hazards and unhealthy conditions. Her annual Hero Award promotes the lessons and legacy of the worse school tragedy in American history, the 1937 Texas school explosion that killed over 300 people - mostly children. The tragedy led to the law requiring the warning odor in natural gas. This year Ms. Goldberg honored Marc Tafolla, a Skadden Fellow at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Education Opportunity Project (EOP) in San Francisco (formerly called the Education Equity Project).

Michigan

Integrated Pest Management Presentation

Children's Environmental Health Initiative, in **Grand Rapids**, will be giving a presentation to a third grade class on Integrated Pest Management in their classroom. They will end with a scavenger hunt to find all the things in the room that would provide a pest friendly environment.

Mississippi

Gubernatorial National Healthy Schools Day Proclamation

In support of 2010 National Healthy Schools Day Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour has signed a Proclamation making the week of April 26, 2010 "Healthy Schools Week."

Missouri

Healthy and Sustainable Schools Workshop



Mid-America Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit hosted a Healthy and Sustainable Schools Workshop on April 9, 2010. The purpose of the workshop was to provide education to enhance the ability of individuals to recognize environmental and health issues in schools and develop cost-effective solutions to address them. The workshop was intended to be multidisciplinary in nature and focused on indoor air quality, outdoor air pollution, chemicals management, hazardous materials, ventilation systems, cleaning materials, non-hazardous waste disposal and the impact of these systems on health.

Retrieving Alpha-Track Radon Detectors in Public Schools

Beginning April 26th, staff from the radon program of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will begin retrieving alpha-track radon detectors that were placed in public schools around the state. Detectors will be retrieved from Randolph and Chariton Counties on April 26th. Over the next three weeks, program staff will retrieve detectors from 96 schools.

New Jersey

Notify the Community

NJ Safe Schools Program (UMDNJ-School of Public Health) , in **Piscataway**, are highlighting Healthy Schools Day in their March, 2010 and April, 2010 e-newsletter distributed to teachers and supervisors of career, vocational and technical education in NJ and other states where partners work in training/outreach.

New York

Governor Paterson Asks Regents, Education to Adopt “Buy Green” Standards



(Albany, NY, Monday, April 26) The Governor today urged in an open letter to the Regents and the State Education Department they adopt green procurement standards that take advantage of the New York State green procurement and sustainability initiatives (Executive Order 4) which are saving the state millions of dollars while reducing risks to health (text of letters and additional information: https://docs.google.com/fileview?id=0B-jj-Uqv_J65ZDAwMjA4MmYtNzY1ZC00MDYwLTIiYTEtNjViN2I4ZDIjMTdi&hl=en). Healthy Schools Network issued a press release in support, quoting the League of Conservation Voters, and WE ACT for Environmental Justice, citing success with the nation’s first green cleaning in schools initiative, and the state’s success in saving millions of dollars in buying environmentally preferable/green computers.

Assemblyman Steven Englebright Hails National Designation of National Healthy Schools Day

Assemblymember Steven Englebright (D, Setauket) issued a press release applauding the national designation of April 26, 2010 as National Healthy Schools Day and April 26 - 30, 2010 as Healthy School Buildings Week

Tour of School's Co-Generation Plant

To celebrate National Healthy Schools Day, high school students at **Ballston Spa** Central School District's science program will take time out of their day to tour the school's co-generation plant, a facility that creates its own electricity and heat for the school. CSArch Architecture/Engineering/Construction Management's senior associate Hank Woller and intern architect Kyle Smith, will lead the tour and discuss the process, along with other types of renewable facilities the firm has designed, including an Alternative Energy Plant at Hartford Central School District – the first wood chip gasification facility constructed for a school district in New York State.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Day

In observation of Healthy Schools Day, **Berlin** CSD, in conjunction with the theme of Indoor Air Quality, have elected to do a Carbon Monoxide Awareness Day for our students, staff & community. On February 22, 2010 "Amanda's Law" went into effect. It mandates the installation of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in all homes in New York State. It was named after a 16 year old girl in Seneca, NY who died of carbon monoxide poisoning on January 17, 2009.

On April 26, 2010 they will distribute information fact sheets to students and staff and send information home to families. They are partnering with local fire departments to give away some carbon monoxide smoke detectors as part of the awareness day project. Berlin CSD will also run an article in our local newspaper to raise awareness.

Inventory of Cleaning Products and Building Evaluation Walkthrough

Green Chimneys, in **Brewster**, will conduct an inventory of cleaning products and a building evaluation walkthrough on April 26th 2010.

Green Schools NYC 2010

Green Schools Alliance is hosting Green Schools **NYC** 2010 on Saturday, April 17 where students, teachers, facility managers, non-profit organizations, green business leaders, parents, and public figures from all over New York will gather at the largest ever city-wide green schools event. This student-driven conference and resource fair will help build the green schools movement, with 1000 participants and exhibits covering green energy, cleaning, lighting, building retrofits, environmental education, green careers, food, etc. Actor/environmentalist Matthew Modine will be among the dynamic speakers, while exhibits and workshops will provide the information and resources for schools to implement sustainable solutions.

Organic Community Garden

Tuckahoe CSD, in **Southampton**, will host a ground breaking ceremony for their organic community garden on April 22 and will begin planning on April 26, 2010.

North Carolina

Promotion and Education of Environmental Management System

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools will begin promoting their district wide environmental management system (EMS) created as required by Board of Education Policy ECF, "Environmental Stewardship" and called for by Strategic Plan 2014. The EMS has seven focus areas: environmental compliance, pollution prevention, resource conservation, resource recovery, sustainable development, sustainable purchasing and behavioral change. Schools will be given recognition and incentives for participating in the program. Energy, recycling, green cleaning, integrated pest management, indoor air quality, asthma awareness, anti-idling and more are elements of the EMS program.

A story will be published in the district wide e-newsletter called, Direct line. They will also be conducting a road show through the end of April where environmental leadership is meeting with students and staff sharing the EMS components and brainstorming. Meetings scheduled from 1st grade through HS.

Reduce Vehicle Emissions

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools' anti-idling program was featured in the [Charlotte Observer](#) April 13, 2010. Article encouraged parents to help keep their kids healthy by turning off vehicle engines when they're not needed, especially near schools.

Ohio

Initiate/Strengthen IAQ Program

Ohio School for the Deaf, in Columbus, passed out the Tools for Schools checklists to all departments. They will do this again next year to monitor improvement. Teachers will also announce and discuss air quality in classrooms on April 26, 2010.

Oregon

Notify the Community

NEA Healthy Schools Caucus announced Healthy Schools Day at Salem Keizer Education Association Representative Assembly on 4-21-10, passed out materials on toxic chemicals, the Healthy Schools Day decal, told the story of a chemically injured child and urged members to educate themselves.

Pennsylvania

National Healthy Schools Day Resolution

Pennsylvania Representative Mark Longietti (D-Mercer County) introduced a National Healthy Schools Day Resolution to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on March 25, 2010.

Webinar: Creating and Sustaining Health Schools



Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) will host a webinar: **Creating and Sustaining Health Schools**, on April 23, 2010 at 10:30-12 pm EDT, for school board, superintendents, business managers, union leaders and members demonstrating how to use US EPA's *IAQ Tools for School* as a primary resource for compliance with PA's safety law requiring every School District to have a certified safety committee.

Register in advance at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/651862091>

Notify the Community



Pennsylvania State Education Association is providing posters, decals, handbooks and lesson plans to the more than 190,000 educators, support professionals, health care professionals, higher ed members and student PSEA in an attempt to focus on improving the quality of the indoor environment in their facilities.

Clean Air Event



Pennsylvania State Education Association will host Clean Air Event: using materials distributed by PSEA, encourage members to choose at least one thing for teachers, students and their families to do to keep their air clean on April 26.

IAQ Classroom Tip Sheet

The Parent Teacher Green and Healthy Team with the school administration is distributing a copy of the National Healthy Schools Day IAQ Classroom Tip Sheet to all faculty and staff at The **Philadelphia School** to use for National Healthy Schools Day.

Cleaning Products Evaluation

The Parent Teacher Green and Healthy Team has given the Cleaning for Healthy School's Cleaning Product Checklist to The **Philadelphia School**. The facilities director has agreed to complete the form for National Healthy School Day.

Pest Control Webinar

The Pennsylvania Association for School Business Officials (PASBO), in **Harrisburg**, will host a webinar focusing on the most effective and safest control of pests in schools and childcare facilities. The webinar, "Don't let the Bugs Bite - Bed Bugs and Lice Go to School", is being sponsored by in cooperation with the Pennsylvania IPM Program and will held April 27, 9:30-11:00 a.m. The webinar will focus on bed bugs and head lice in schools and how facilities managers, nurses and principals can effectively deal with them. Dr. Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann, Cornell University, will explain the basics about these annoying creatures and their control; Jeff Bryan, director of buildings and grounds, Red Lion Area School District, will give the school practitioner's viewpoint; and Sarah Pickel, PA IPM Program, will explain the current legal status of pest management in Pennsylvania schools and the resources available to assist schools with compliance.

Texas

National Healthy Schools Day Resolution

North East Independent School District's Board of Trustees, in **San Antonio**, approved resolution proclaiming April 26th as National Healthy Schools Day

Notify the Community

The **Katy** ISD Environmental Department, in conjunction with our Operations (custodial) and Health Services (nursing), is sending out a flyer to increase awareness of our Environmental Quality programs (IAQ, IPM, Safe Cleaning, Emergency Response, etc.). They hope to show the district that health and safety are very important to KISD and that the well-being of staff and students is our daily priority. By raising awareness of what we are doing, we hope to increase support for the many things we would like to do, as well as expand opportunities for education about health and safety in schools.

Vermont

Notify the Community

On National Healthy Schools Day, **Rutland** Intermediate School's principal will read a brief notice about National Healthy Schools day on the morning announcements. Then on Tuesday - Friday, four students will read "things we can do to make RIS a healthier school". In addition, all classroom teachers will receive an e-mail with a link to the National Healthy Schools Day website and ideas that they may wish to use in their classrooms.

Washington

Washington Education Association

The Washington Education Association's Indoor Environmental Quality Work Team, in **Federal Way**, sponsored a video contest for Washington public schools students. The theme of the contest was to promote healthy schools in honor of Healthy Schools Day 2010. The deadline for video submission was March 15, 2010.

National Healthy Schools Day Proclamation

East Valley School Board, in **Spokane Valley**, strengthened their support for a healthy school environment with a Proclamation observing Nation Healthy Schools Day. The Proclamation and a letter regarding the importance of a healthy school environment will be distributed to staff. The superintendent also publicized National Healthy Schools Day in his electronic newsletter to parents and community.

Classroom Activity Sheet

An activity sheet will be distributed to elementary students, in East Valley School District #361, labeled "How Healthy Is Your Classroom?". Students will identify many possible indoor air pollution items on the sheet.

Air Quality Index Kick-Off

East Valley School District #361 will kick-off utilizing the Air Quality Index on a daily basis in their schools with a character created with another color-coded handout labeled Ariele's Air Quality Index. This tool is currently being piloted in one of their middle schools and now will be expanded to the other schools.



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Canada

TeleClass for Parents, Teachers, and School Administrators

Trent University, in Peterborough, ON, will host a free TeleClass for parents, teachers, and school administrators so they can learn how to prevent EMFs at school and at home. Those who would like to participate are asked to contact Emily@ElectromagneticHealth.org as capacity is limited. The presentation will feature a new study, “The BRAG™ Antenna Ranking of Schools” which graded schools and children’s proximity to cell antennas in U.S. state capitols & Washington, D.C.