



Gladstone School District 115

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Gladstone School District will continue to use the approved Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds at _____ School. The IPM Plan can be found at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/district-departments/maintenance/>.

The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live. Through maintenance and cleaning, the District will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources, and hiding places for the pests. The District monitors the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. IPM techniques include monitoring, increased sanitation, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, and modifying storage practices.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to control a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals must be used, the District will try to use the least toxic products when possible that has been approved by Oregon State University for use in schools. Access to treated areas will be secured against unauthorized access for the period specified on the pesticide label. Notices will be posted at application sites and will remain there until the posted safe re-entry time is met. The District maintains a list of pesticides and material safety and data sheets (MSDS) that may be used in the school. This list may be obtained by contacting the Chris Green, IPM Coordinator, at 503-655-2777.

Offering families the opportunity to register for pest management notification is an annual state requirement. Parents and guardians who are registered will receive notification at least 72 hours before specific pesticide applications are made at the school. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided as soon as possible after the application. Exemptions to this notification include cleaners (disinfectants), pesticides formulated as baits or gels, and any EPA exempt pesticide. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please complete and return the enclosed form.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Green, IPM Coordinator at 503-655-2777 or greenc@gladstone.k12.or.us. For further information about school IPM, please visit the Gladstone School District website at www.gladstone.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,

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