

# *Hardyston School District*

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We would like to inform you that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents and weeds will be used at Hardyston Middle School and Elementary School. The IPM approach we will be using focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources and hiding places for pests. We will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some IPM techniques we will employ 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 school will use the least toxic products possible. 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.

For your information, we have a list of pesticides and material safety and data sheets (MSDS) that may be used in the buildings this school year. Currently the only chemical used was Lesco Three Way. Selective parents or guardians will be notified 72 hours before a non-exempt pesticide will be applied. 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), baits and gels, and any EPA exempt pesticides.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Platvoet, IPM Coordinator. For further information about school IPM, please visit <http://schoolipm.ifas.ufl.edu/> or <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/>.

Sincerely  
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