Minimize use of unnecessary pesticides and create a healthy school environment with the following suggestions...

**Seal buildings!**
- Make sure doors seal and self-close correctly.
- Seal around conduits, windows, gaps in masonry, etc.
- Eliminate any unscreened access from outside.
- Check air curtains regularly for correct setting.

**Create space around your buildings!**
- Allow a 1 foot gap between the building and vegetation.
- Eliminate creeping vines on building, improper irrigation (such as on walls or near foundation).

**Manage waste!**
- Position dumpsters at least 50 ft from doors.
- Keep dumpster lids CLOSED.
- Keep ground around dumpster free of stray garbage.
- Have dumpster cleaned or replaced as needed to avoid build up.
- Elevate trash cans or place them on concrete.
- Opt for trash cans with self-closing lids.
- Choose quality liners to avoid tearing and spillage.
- Never position trash cans next to exterior doors.

**Avoid pest conducive conditions!**
- Regularly clean debris out of gutters and other drainage catch areas to reduce pest harborage.
- Check that escutcheon plates are in place.
- Seal around pipe-chases and conduits that enter walls or drop ceiling.
- Use quality silicon-based, elastomeric sealants on small cracks & crevices.
- Use high quality concrete fillers or steal wool to fill larger gaps.
- Avoid killing grass with herbicides in place of trimming; allow “fluffy” borders or weed eat.
- Remove unused irrigation sites, and regularly inspect for repairs to avoid over-watering.

Thank You for Caring for Our School
## Integrated Pest Management for Faculty

### WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN PREVENTING PESTS

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### Corner clean
- Sweep, mop, pressure spray or vacuum corners.
- Pay attention to corners covered by furniture or equipment.

### Furniture food
- Clean crumbs under couch cushions and in chairs.
- Report mouse droppings or shredded/chewed materials.

### Carpet collectors
- Vacuum carpets and rugs thoroughly.

### Your space
- Empty mops and buckets after use.
- Store mops and brooms upside down and up off the floor on wall racks.

### Teacher’s lounge
- Suggest to your building administrator that staff adopt a cleaning schedule for non-custodial clean up of food, fridge, etc., in lounge.
- Adopt a “no food left out overnight” policy.
- Encourage a “Friday fridge clean-out”.

### Waste management
- Use good quality trash bags that do not tear.
- Keep trash cans clean inside and underneath.
- Dumpsters should be replaced for clean ones as you deem necessary.
- Dumpster lids should be kept closed and the area free of debris.

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**Inspect and clean from a pest’s perspective**
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Sanitation
- Spray-wash at least twice a year.
- Sweep and mop away the accumulated grease and garbage debris in corners at least (3) times per week.
- Remember corners under fixed and moveable equipment need cleaning!
- Clean the pantry floor along with the rest of the kitchen.
- Replace monitoring traps after cleaning a space.
- Rinse mops and buckets after use.
- Store mops and brushes head-up and off the floor.

Storage
- Empty corrugated cardboard boxes and place outside for recycling; do not use this material for storage as it often houses cockroaches.
- Use good quality wire shelving, and avoid storing items on the pantry floor and against walls.

Remember Drains
- Enzymatic cleaners and scrubbing with a stiff wire brush 2x/year will help prevent drain flies; pouring bleach down drains has no effect on them.
- Empty and rinse drain baskets daily to prevent organic debris build-up.

Manage Waste
- Close dumpster lids to reduce breeding flies!
- Shut back door (or flies from dumpsters get easy access to the food you just prepared!)

Reminders:
Report pests or evidence of pests on pest sighting logs.
Addressing maintenance issues helps prevent pests; report any maintenance problems you find.

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Integrated Pest Management for STUDENTS

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN PREVENTING PESTS
Minimize food, water and shelter to discourage pests in your school

Clutter clean-out!
- Help your teacher keep your classroom clean, organized, and free of clutter

Keep pests out of your stuff!
- Don’t keep food in your locker
- Clean out your locker once each week

(I have a few graphics to choose from for this central space; if you have any you’d like please do!}

Keep food under wraps!
- Store lunch and snacks in snap-tight containers
- Keep food & drink in designated areas
- Clean up food debris after you eat

Trash alert!
- Take pride in your school; dispose of trash properly and help prevent pests at the same time.

Report pests!
- Let your teacher know if you see insects, mice or feral animals.

Be aware... but don’t touch!
- Do not disturb the insect monitoring traps located around your school
- Ask your teacher about helping to ID the critters found on monitoring traps!

Pests hitchhike!
- So keep coats & backpacks in designated areas of the classroom!

BUGS ARE COOL, BUT NOT AS PESTS IN SCHOOL