

# KIDS LEARN BETTER IN A CLEAN & HEALTHY SCHOOL

## It's Everyone's Job!

### TOP TEN LIST for WHAT TEACHERS, STAFF & STUDENTS CAN DO:

- 1 Report unusual odors, mold or other environmental conditions related to specific areas of the building to maintenance staff.
- 2 Do not spray pesticides; report pest problems to maintenance staff.
- 3 Reduce classroom clutter and utilize covered bins for classroom materials to make cleaning easier.
- 4 Keep air vents clear of furniture, piles of books or other stored items.
- 5 Avoid carpeting and old upholstered furniture. They are reservoirs for dust, mold and other allergens.
- 6 Use only low odor, low toxicity cleaning, instructional, art and science products and follow manufacturers' instructions.
- 7 Avoid use of aerosol products. Be aware that aerosols and harsh chemicals can trigger breathing problems and rashes in sensitive individuals.
- 8 Keep furry or feathered pets out of classrooms.
- 9 Minimize eating in the classroom. Food stored in the classroom should be in sealed containers. Cleanup small spills promptly. Report large spills to maintenance staff.
- 10 Serve on a committee to help promote a regular program of healthy school maintenance.



RESOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.healthyschools.org](http://www.healthyschools.org); [www.epa.gov/iaq](http://www.epa.gov/iaq) (Tools for Schools); [www.pacnj.org](http://www.pacnj.org)

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