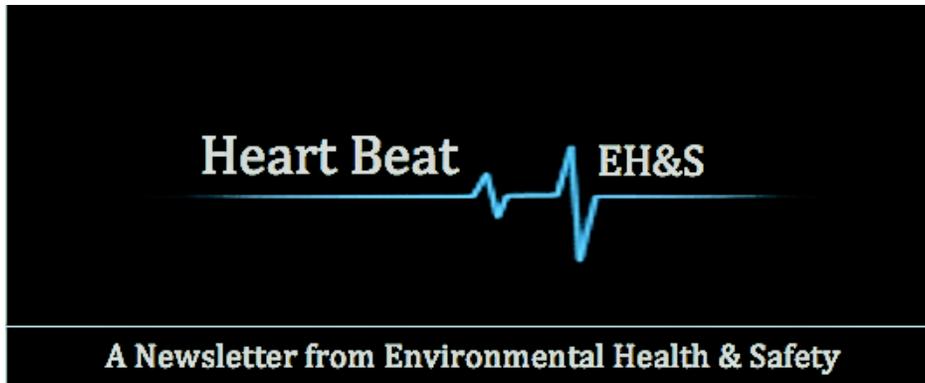




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not a final destination.



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Welcome to Environmental Health & Safety



1 - submitted by Roger Riddlemoser, Director, Environmental Health & Safety

Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) is ALL about your safety, health, wellness and the environment. This focus benefits you as an individual, your district team and the community at large.

Your simple acts of turning off unnecessary lights, shutting down computers at the end of the workday and reporting water leaks when noticed contribute to conserving resources, impacting wasteful consumption and reducing the District's utilities cost.

EH&S's every action, focus and program is directed at implementing safety best practices, reminding us of the importance in conserving natural resources and limiting our individual and collective carbon footprints. These actions include but are not limited to:

- **Providing the resources that help you maintain safe, healthy and environmentally friendly educational sites and workplace**
- **Partnering with other district and external teams to implement safety and environmental conservation policy and training**
- **Responding to your expressed safety concerns**
- **Keeping District sites advised of new safety and environmental conservation initiatives**
- **Meeting all Federal, State, local and school District safety requirements**

All are designed to provide you (students, faculty, staff and visitors) with information, knowledge and skills that empowers you to BE part of the District's EH&S team.

As an essential part of the EH&S team, your safety behavior directly impacts the school district's bottom line. You contribute when you recycle, report an unsafe conditions or near miss accident, and lead by example with "SAFETY FIRST" attitude and actions.

EH&S would like to welcome you and invite you to partner with us in making Broward County Public Schools **#1** in Safety, Environmental Conservation & Energy Management. **Together we CAN do this!!!**

Money Down the drain. . .



\$12,000,000!

That's how much the School District spends on water bills each year and uses billions of gallons annually

PROBLEM: Leaks from faucets and toilets can waste 5 to 200 gallons a day.

ACTION: Contain the leak by turning it off and call in a workorder stating there is a leak that needs repair.

PROBLEM: Toilets account for nearly 30 percent of the average indoor water consumption.

ACTION: Don't flush things down the toilet to dispose of them. Throw tissues and other bathroom waste in the garbage can.

PROBLEM: Broward County ordinance restricts irrigation of grounds to two days or less a week, including athletic fields. Broward Schools are not exempt from the ordinance. Irrigation accounts for our highest water consumption.

ACTION: Head Facility Servicepersons: Make sure irrigation time clocks are set properly and have working rain sensors. Report breaks immediately through a work order. Parts for broken sprinklers can be requested from the Stockroom using the PPO Sprinkler Supply Form. Complete the attached Water Checklist and email to EMSHelpdesk@browardschools.com.

For questions, comments or suggestions contact the Environmental Conservation Utility Management Department at 754-321-4220. www.browardschoolsconserve.com



Let's work together to stop pouring money down the drain!

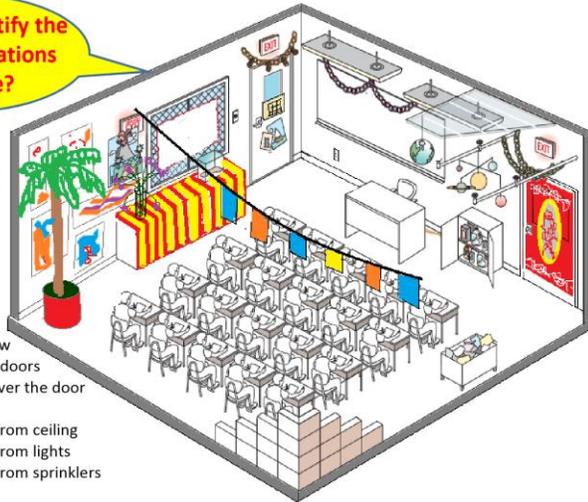
Join Us In Our Quest To Save Water and \$\$



Classroom Decorations

Can you identify the unsafe decorations in this picture?

Paper tree
Glass vase
Glass fish tank
Artwork on string
Paper covering window
Paper decorations on doors
Decorations draped over the door
Poster over exit sign
Decorations hanging from ceiling
Decorations hanging from lights
Decorations hanging from sprinklers
Unrated tablecloth



A FUN, DECORATED CLASSROOM IS ONE IN WHICH STUDENTS WILL BE MORE EAGER TO LEARN. DECORATIONS CAN BE PURELY ORNAMENTAL OR THEY CAN BE FOCUSED ON UNITS OF STUDY, BUT THEY MUST ALWAYS BE SAFE.

Possible hazards from decorations include:

Fires: Too much clutter on classroom or hallway wall can spread fires more quickly

Poisoning: Decorations may be made with toxic substances and could be hazardous if young students were to unwittingly taste them.

Trips: A classroom cluttered with decorations has more trip hazards for unwary student.

Cuts: Paper cuts are common from foil and paper decorations, while glass items could break into dangerous shards.

Falls: Items could fall and injure children or create trip hazards.

3 - submitted by Sandra Kanner, Safety Specialist

To minimize the risks of classroom decorations but still enjoy a fun, colorful atmosphere, teachers should put decorations up carefully and safely.

- Do not block fire alarms, emergency signs, fire sprinkler heads, or cover exit doors with decorations
- Confine decorations to suitable spaces such as bulletin boards. Do not cover more than 20% of each wall in non-sprinklered buildings and 50% of each wall in sprinklered buildings.
- Never hang decorations from ceiling, light fixtures, sprinkler heads, vents or light fixtures.
- Choose decorations with flame resistant coatings.
- Fasten flags, posters, papers and other decorations flat to the wall to minimize exposed edges that could cause cuts or increase fire risks.
- Never use candles or any other decorations with exposed heating elements.
- Use only shatterproof, unbreakable decorative items, including tempered glass fish tanks/terrariums (& **only** if pertinent to the curriculum).

And remember, DO NOT stand on chairs, tables, desks, bookcases, boxes, upside down trash cans, etc., to reach above your head!

OSHA Update on Walking and Work Surface Rule



Submitted by Phillip Gnacinski, Coordinator Health & Safety

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS



Recently the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated rules regarding walking and working surfaces. This update, combined with the beginning of a new school year, is a good opportunity for all of us to be reminded to be diligent in preventing slips, trips and falls.

Preventing slip trip and falls is easy and can be done by:

- maintaining clear and tidy work areas that are free of clutter
- properly storing all equipment and limiting tripping hazards, including extension cords
- Establishing safe walking practices, such as not texting and walking
- Ensuring proper lighting and signage on walking routes and
- wearing proper fitting footwear with good traction

OSHA requires walking and working surfaces to be kept clean, orderly, sanitary as well as free of hazards such as sharp or protruding objects. Spills and liquids should be cleaned up immediately and staff should inspect the surfaces “regularly and as necessary” to maintain them in safe condition. If issues are observed, notification of supervisors or custodial staff is essential so cleanup can occur or work orders can be filed.

If we all pitch in to prevent slip, trips and falls we really can make a difference. Have a safe school year.

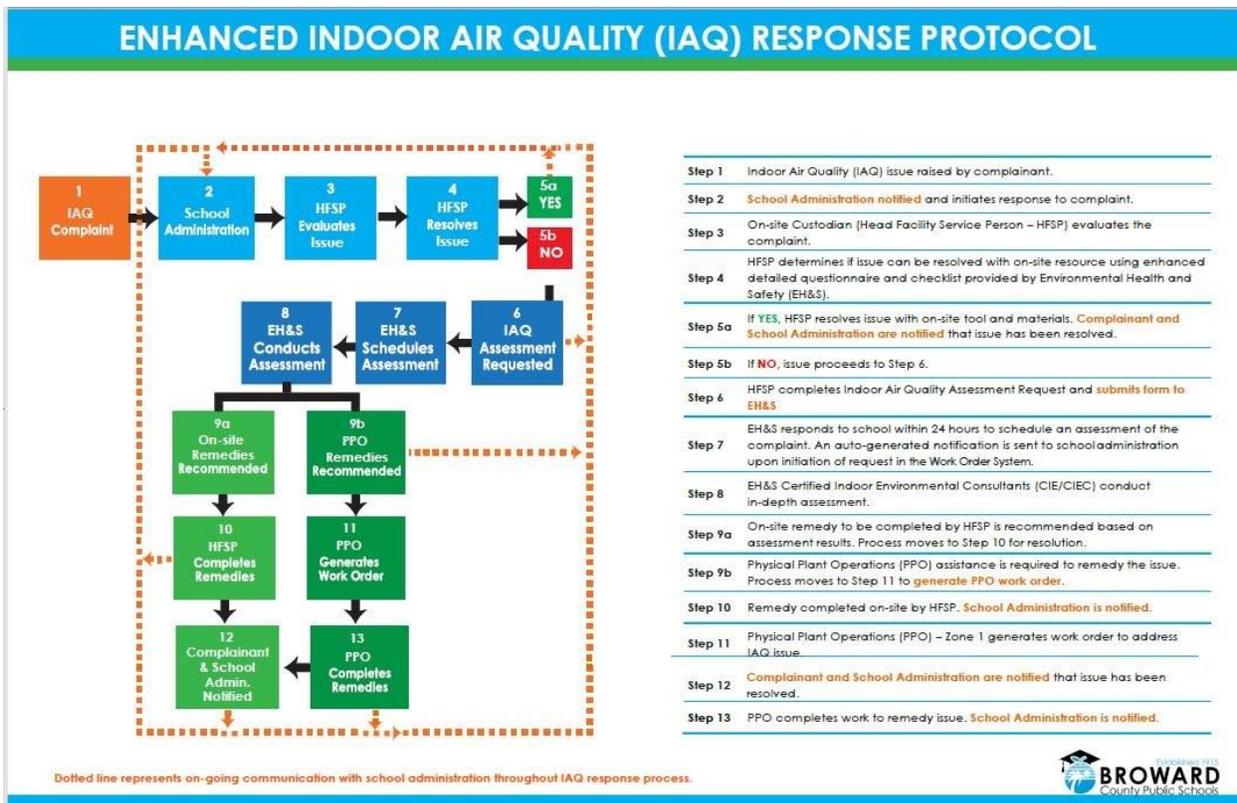
Indoor Air

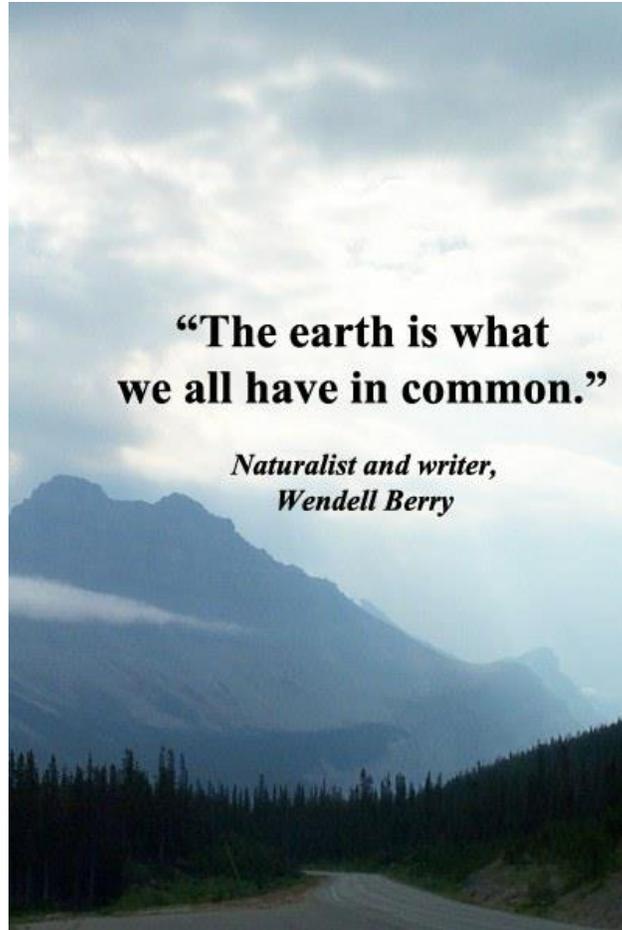


submitted by Robert Krickovich

In 2004 the District received the EPA Leadership Award for our participation in the IAQ Tools for Schools Program, in 2005 we received the IAQ Tools for Schools Excellence Award from the EPA, and in 2007 we received the IAQ Tools for Schools Model of Sustained Excellence Award from the EPA.

It's 2017 and our program continues to evolve and change with new information, new assessment request procedures, and training being developed and updated yearly.





4 - submitted by Hyacinthe Lafontant, EH&S Safety Trainer/Editor

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