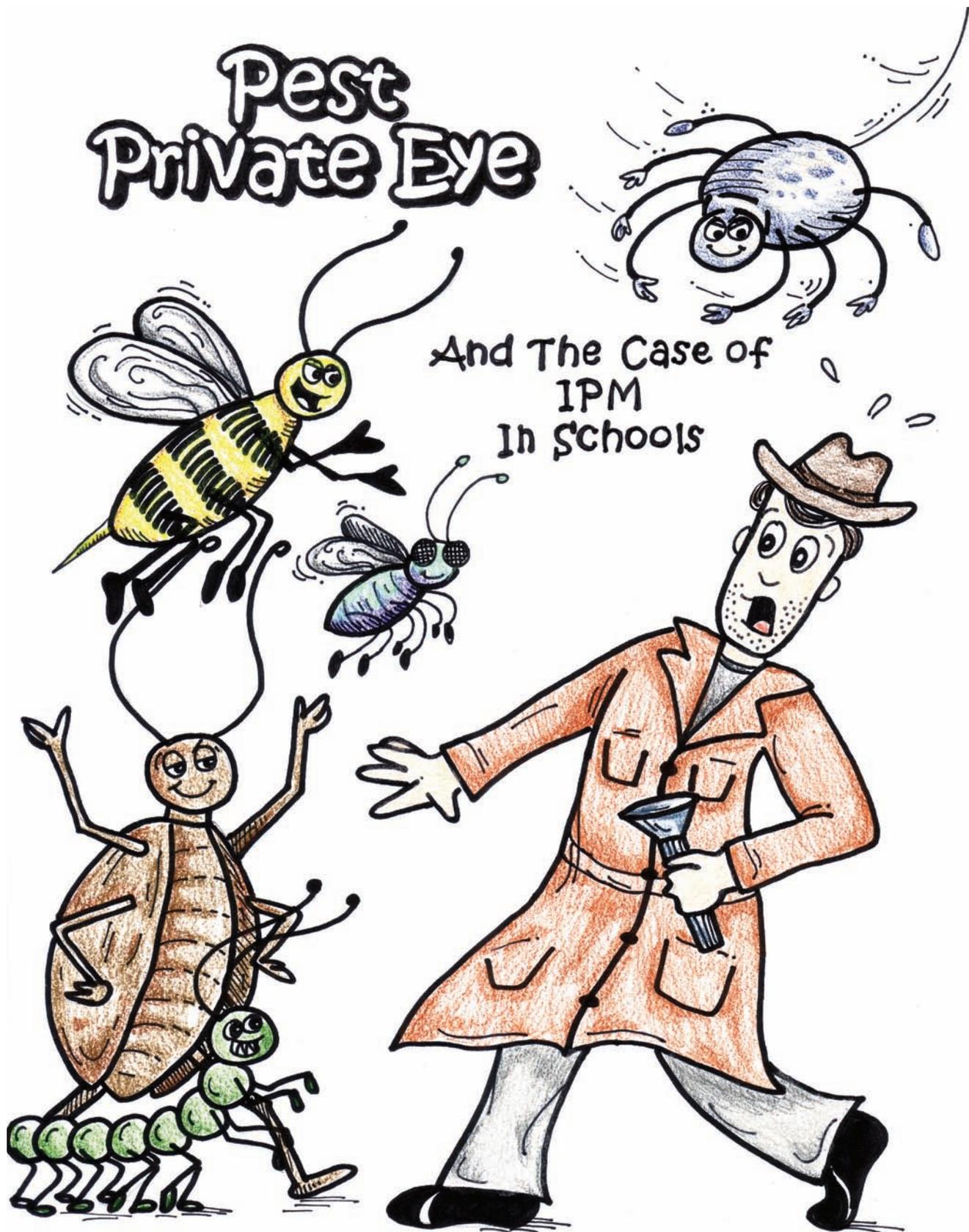


Pest Private Eye

And The Case of
IPM
In Schools



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Hello, I'm Penny Poe,
pest detective
in training!

My mentor is
Pest Private Eye,
integrated pest management
(IPM) detective.



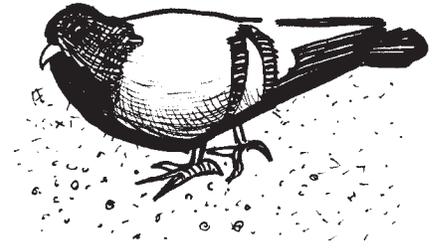
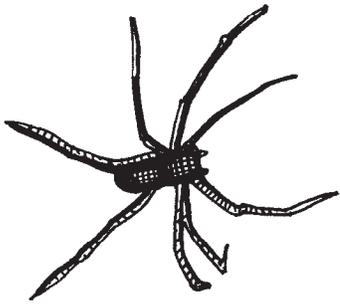
First you'll learn about
IPM. Then you'll tag
along on a case!



So here we go...

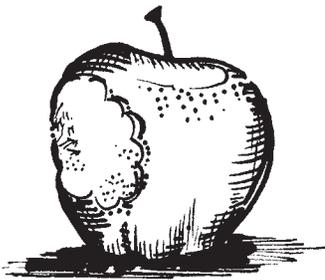


What is a pest?



Pests are animals or plants living where they are not wanted.

Pests need food, water and shelter to survive.

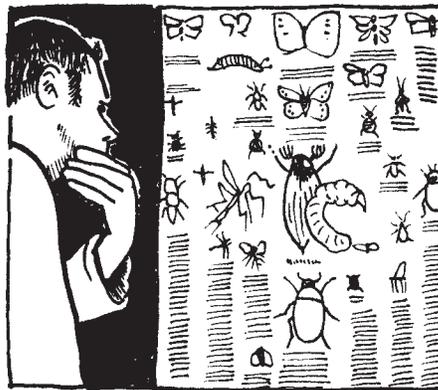


Remove these and you remove the pests!

We can control pests using Integrated Pest Management, or IPM. IPM controls pests in many ways.

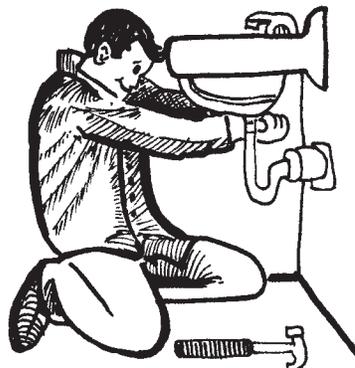


First, identify your pest, then decide how to manage it. Not all pests can be controlled the same way!



IPM includes:

Education:
Teaching about pests and how to control them.



IPM includes:

Habit modification:
Changing a pest's environment so it is undesirable to the pest, such as reducing water by fixing leaky pipes!

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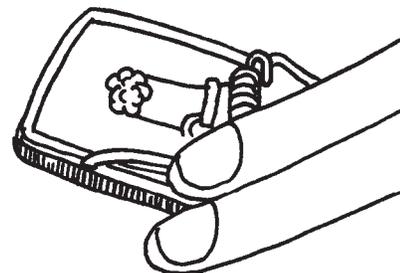
Sanitation:
Keeping things clean
by mopping, cleaning
counters, or reducing
clutter.

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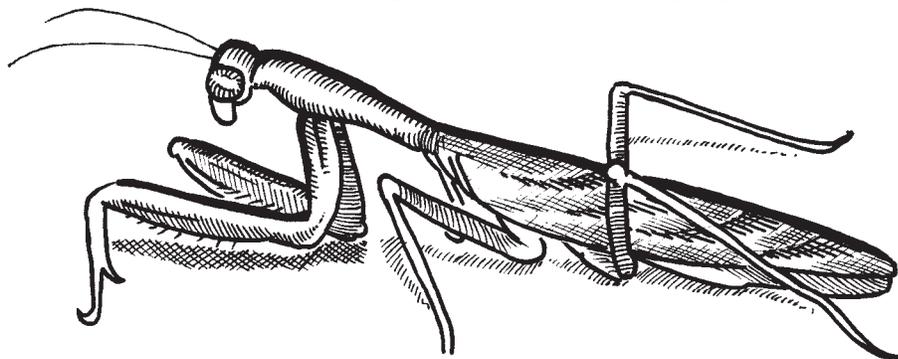


Exclusion:
Keeping pests out by
screening windows,
sealing holes, keeping
food container lids
on tightly, etc.

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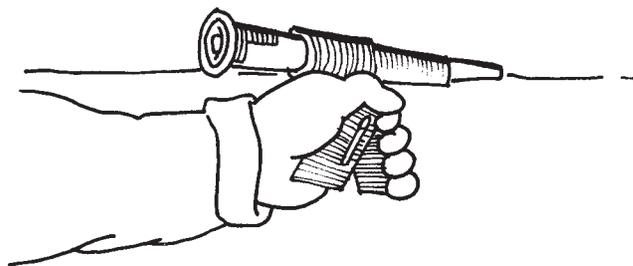


Mechanical controls:
Using a fly swatter,
or trapping with snap
traps, sticky traps or
multi-catch traps.



IPM includes:

Biological controls:
Using natural enemies
such as praying mantids,
parasitic wasps, or
ladybugs to kill pests.



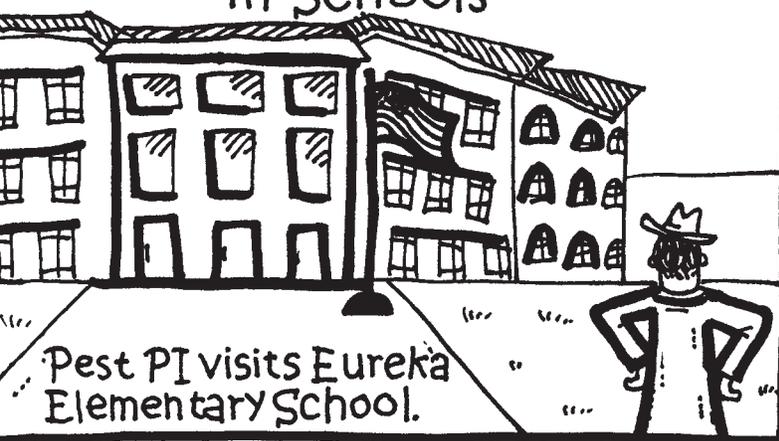
IPM includes:

Chemical controls:
Using pesticides,
especially low toxic ones,
to control pests after trying
other methods first.



IPM helps control pests while protecting the environment
and keeping people safe.

Pest Private Eye, IPM
Detective in
"The Case of IPM
in Schools"



Pest PI visits Eureka
Elementary School.

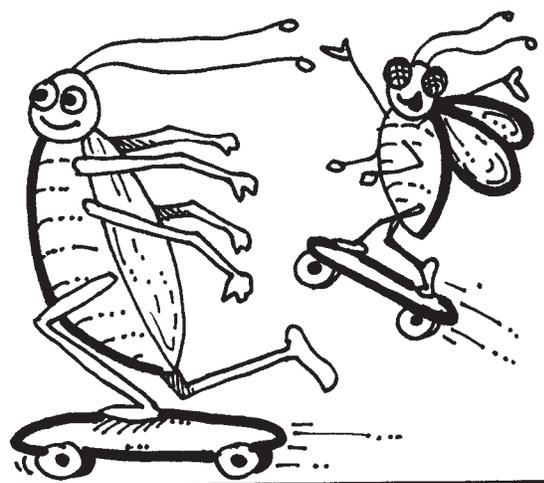
Principal Smith gives
him the details.



Thanks for
coming.

No problem. What pest
problems
do you
have?

The kitchen staff has seen
brown bugs and flies;



The custodian has seen
mice and water bugs;



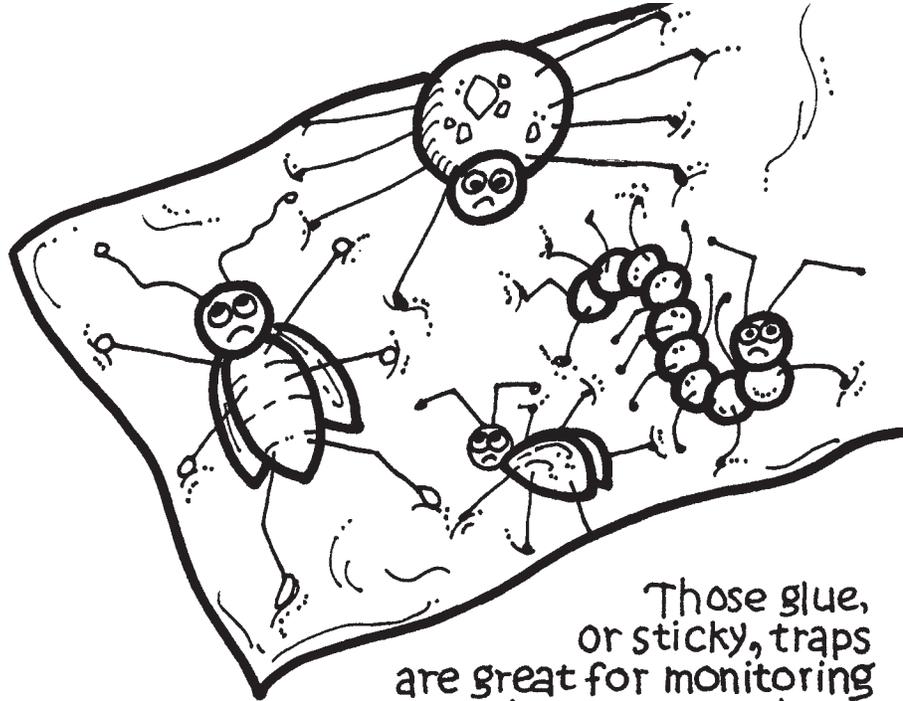
Children have
reported ants,
and I've seen
spiders.



Yikes! What is
Eureka doing
about it?

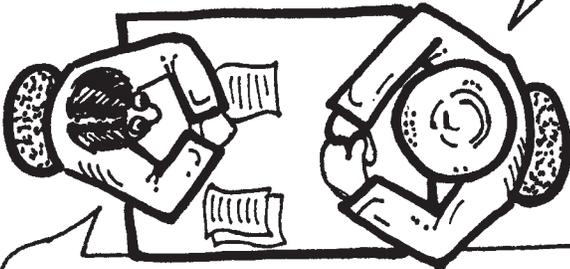


We have Masque Pest Management do regular spraying, and they place small glue boxes out to catch pests.



Those glue, or sticky, traps are great for monitoring and catching pests without using pesticides.

But I don't recommend regular spraying as we want to lessen the amount of pesticides used.

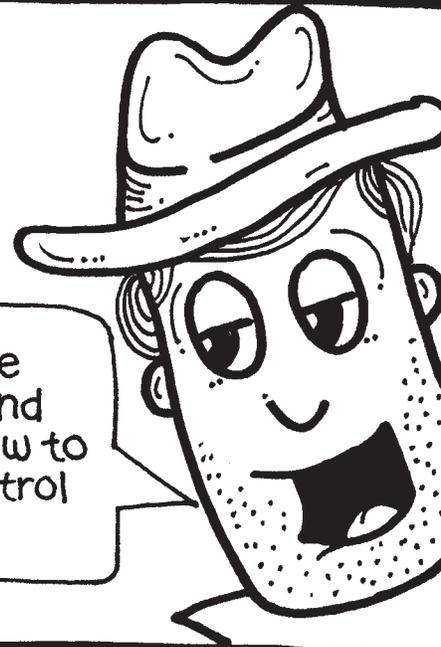


I agree, for the safety of our children I'd like to use fewer pesticides.

IPM uses many methods to control pests, not just pesticides. And if we do use pesticides, we use low toxic ones.



Great, I will take a look around and let you know how to use IPM to control your pests.



I like the sound of that.



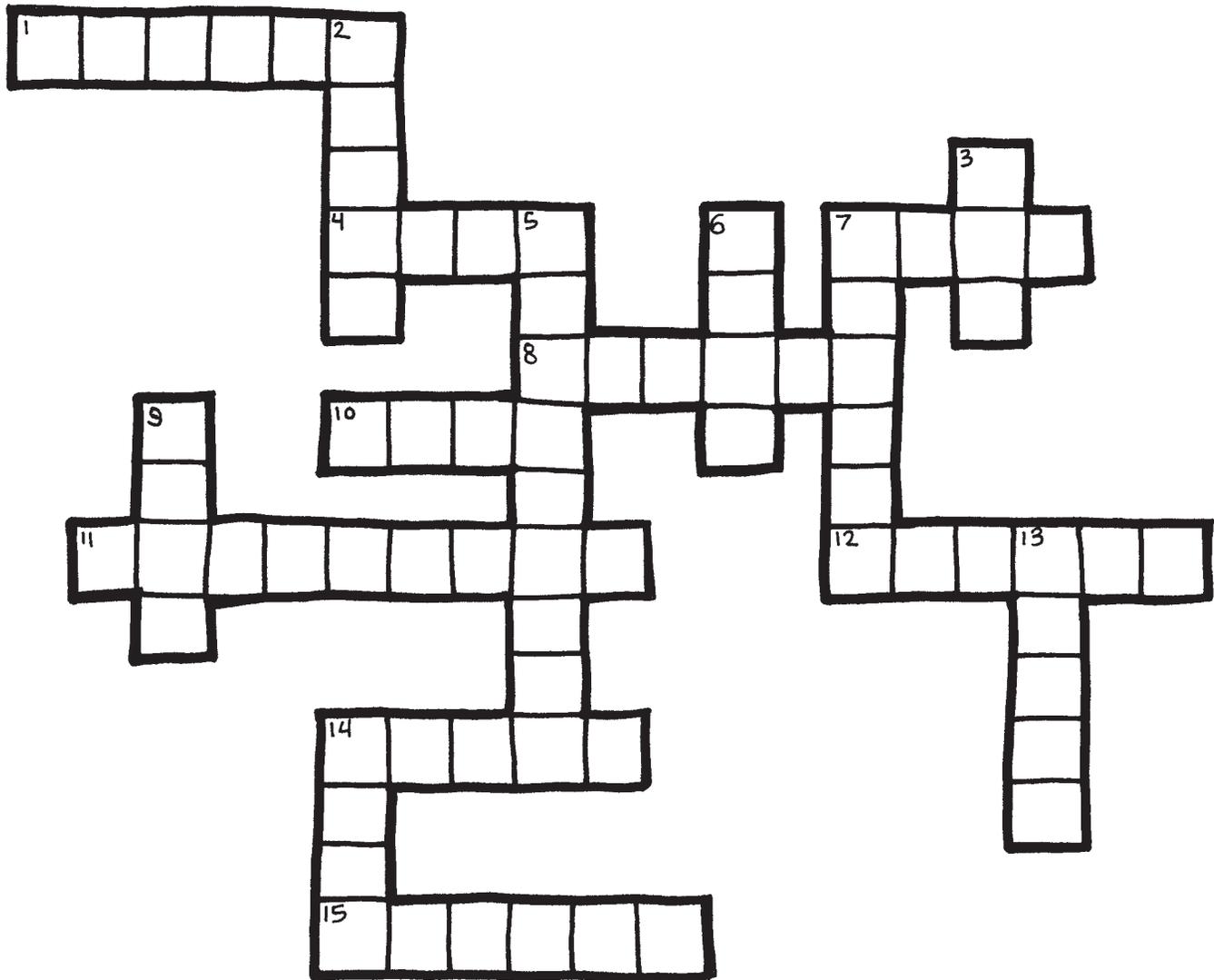
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ants
bathroom
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mop

mouse
rats
roach
shelter
sticky trap

Pest Private Eye Crossword



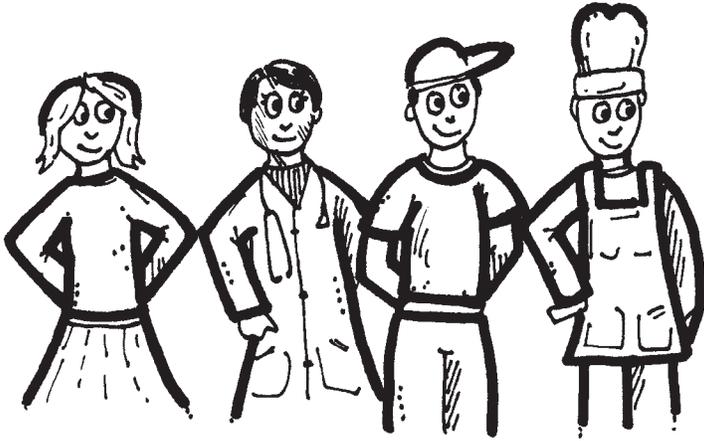
Across

1. A ___ cleaner can get rid of pests on the floor.
4. This trap catches mice and rats.
7. This grows when it is too moist.
8. Put this over your window to keep pests out.
10. If ants or roaches eat this, they will die.
11. A common brown or black pest often found in kitchens.
12. A ___ trap uses glue to catch pests.
14. Pests need this to survive.
15. This bird is a common pest.

Down

2. A small hairy rodent.
3. This pest likes garbage cans.
5. Chemical that kills pests.
6. Unwanted plant.
7. A praying _____ eats pests.
9. You must _____ what a pest is to control it.
13. Keep things _____ to keep pests away.
14. This pest can sting you.

The principal formed Eureka's IPM team. Pest PI worked with them on the IPM effort.



What is the best way to get rid of the pests?

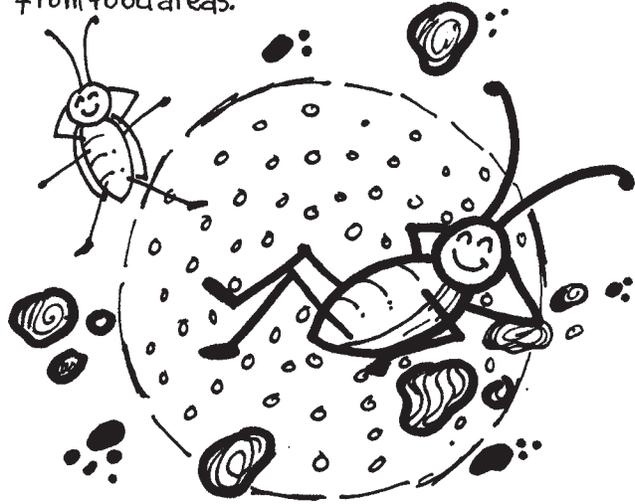


The kitchen is an ideal environment for pests because there's lots of water, hiding places, and access to food.



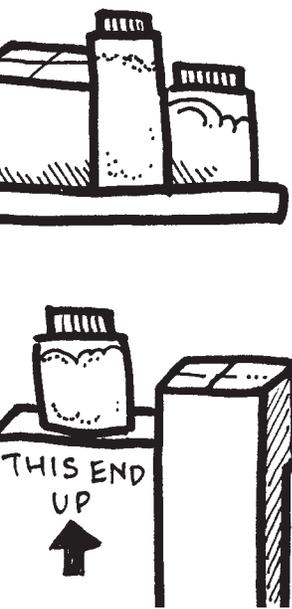
Pest PI talks with the school cook about reducing pest problems in the kitchen, cafeteria, and food storage areas.

Monitor the kitchen with stickytraps. Avoid using bait stations since poison bait should be kept away from food areas.



Anything else?

I'll remember that. Thanks for your help!



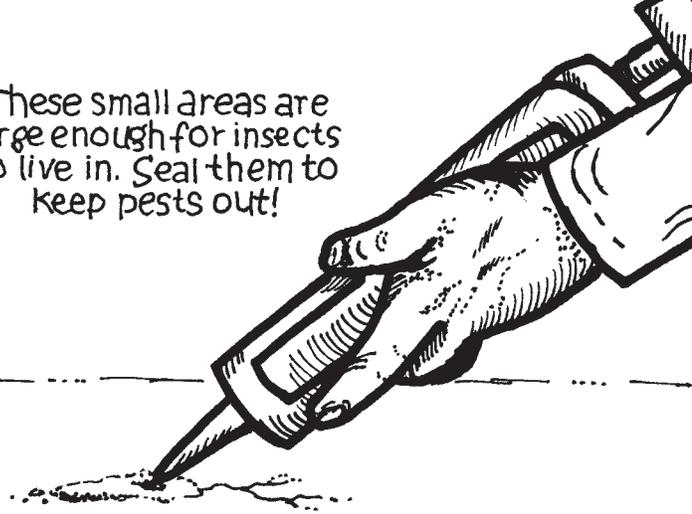
Keep things off the floor and on storage shelves. Boxes in direct contact with the floor are ideal hiding spots for pests.



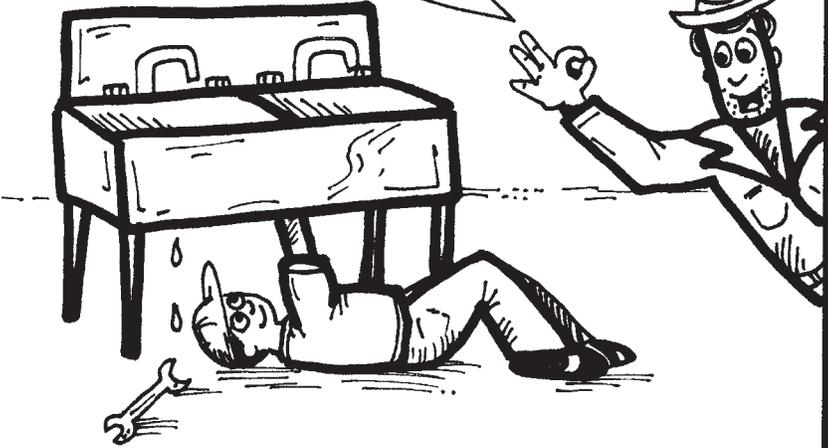
Pest PI talks to the Custodian...



These small areas are large enough for insects to live in. Seal them to keep pests out!



It is important to fix leaks right away! Water is the most essential resource for a pest's survival.



There, that should do it!



Pest PI goes to visit with the school nurse.

My biggest concern is for the health of the staff and students.



IPM can help protect human health and increase safety in the school environment.



Pest PI meets with one of the classroom teachers.

I've noticed mouse poop in the room. I've heard rodents carry disease, so I want to get rid of them.

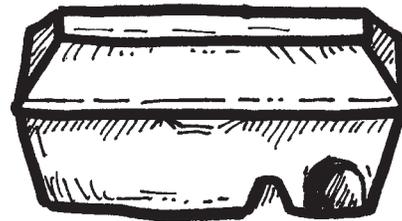
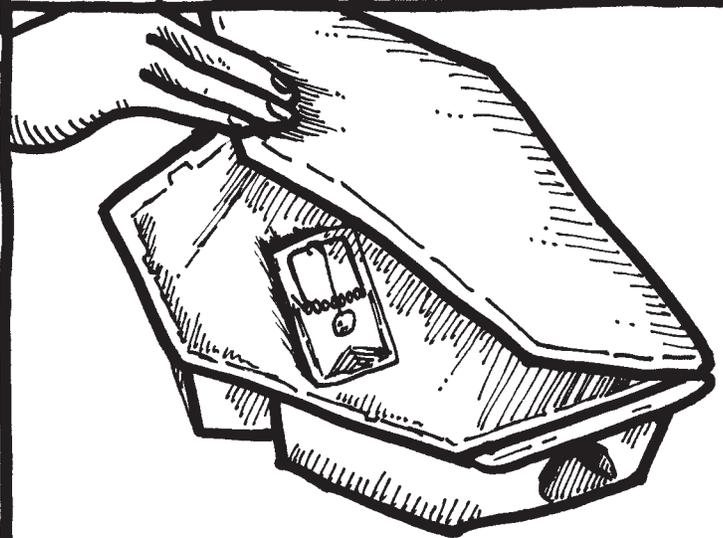
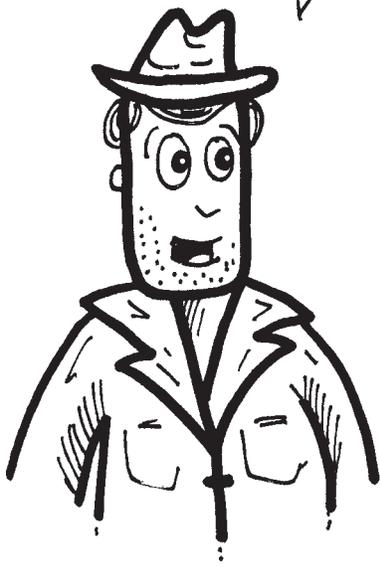


We keep a pretty clean classroom, and I want to make sure rodents and other pests are gone and pose no risk to me or the children.



The key is to use traps. Keep them in tamper proof stations to protect children.

What about placement?

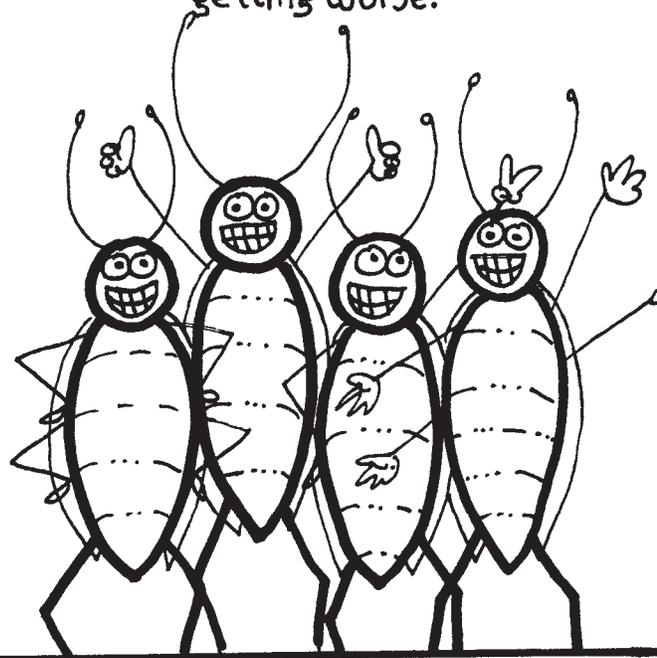
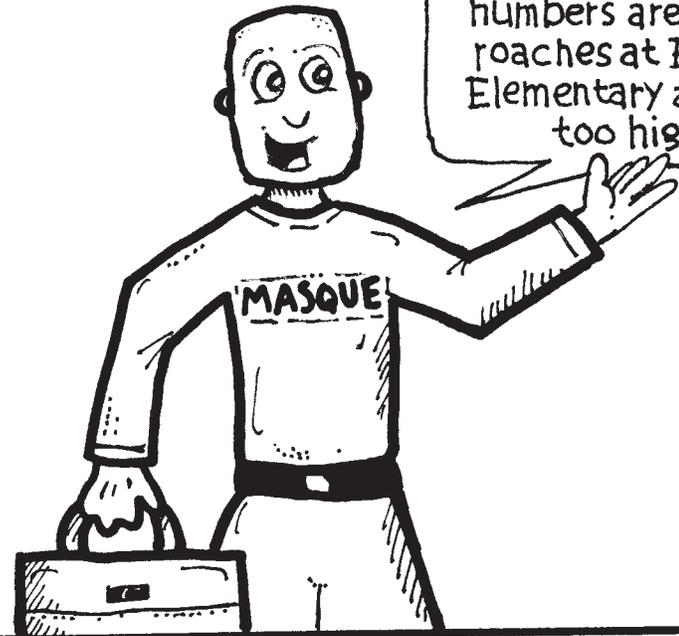


Rodents run along walls and in corners, so set traps here. Be sure to check traps often and dispose of any rodents you find.

The Pest Management Professional (PMP) is an important part of the IPM team.

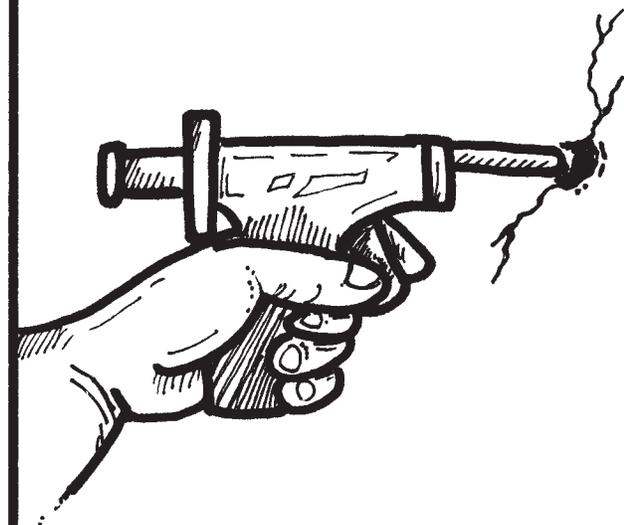
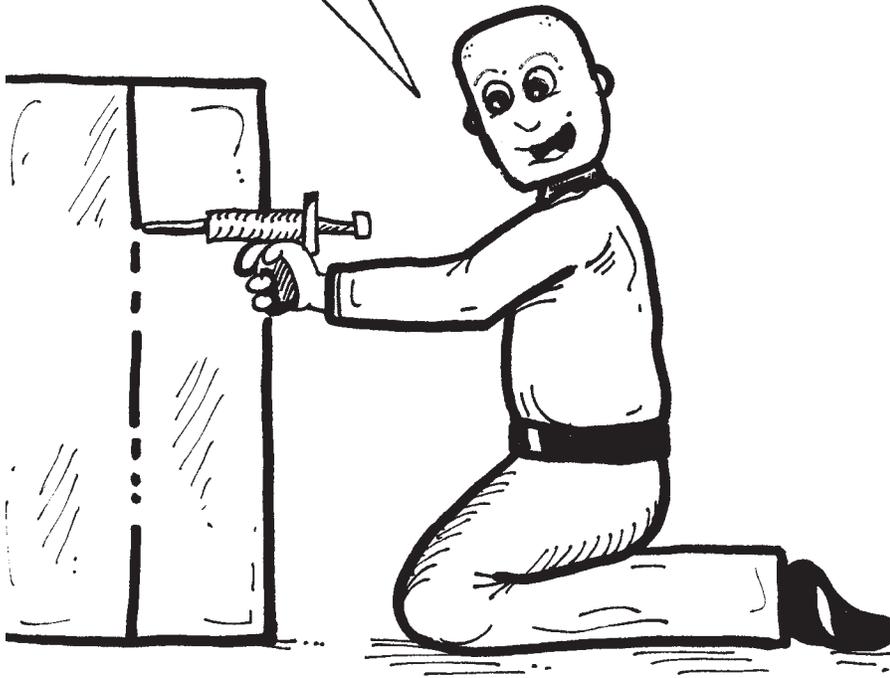
We may be able to put up with one roach, but there are so many in the kitchen and boiler room that we need to prevent it from getting worse.

Although their numbers are down, roaches at Eureka Elementary are still too high.



Upon inspecting Eureka's kitchen, I discovered lots of areas where roaches could hide. I'm going to apply gel bait to these areas.

Gel bait is a fairly low toxic pesticide, and we put it in cracks and crevices, not in open areas.

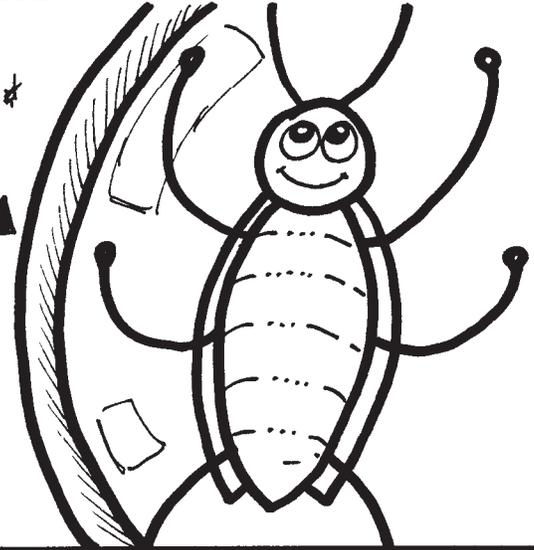
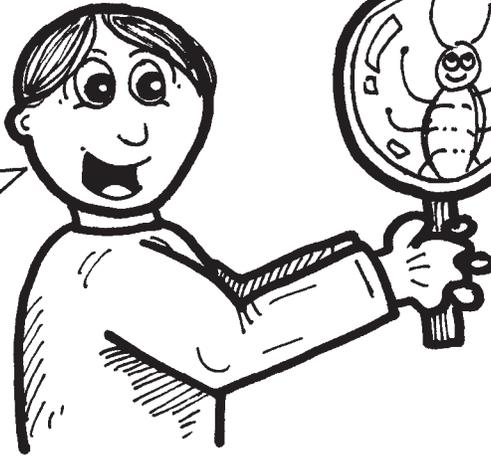


We have learned about how to control pests and who will be involved in putting IPM into action. There are opportunities for you to get involved in IPM as well!

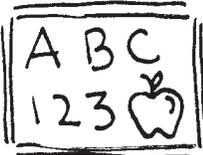
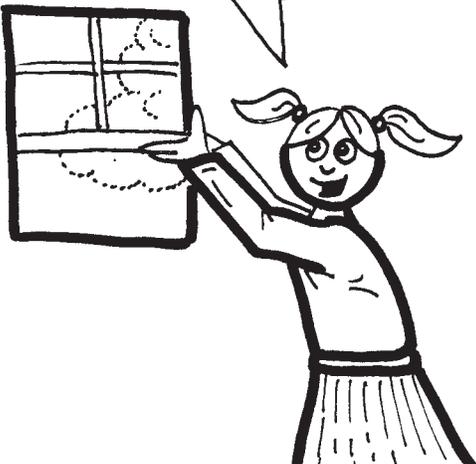


Tell your teacher that you are curious and want to learn more about IPM.

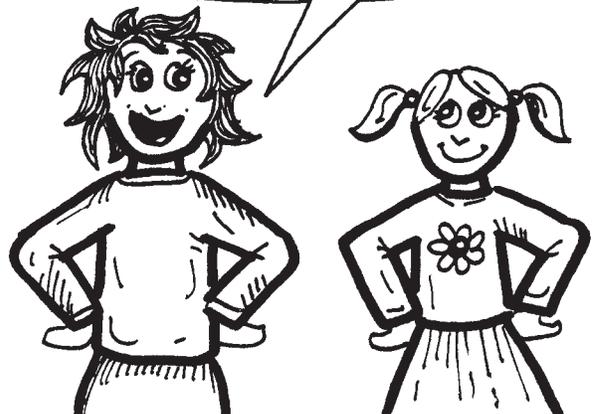
Through science or other classes, you can learn how using IPM helps keep people healthier and safer and is better for the environment. You might do projects on pest ID, counting pests on sticky traps, and deciding the best control methods.



You should always keep an eye out for open windows, leaky sinks, and other problems in the school. You can help the IPM effort!



By getting more involved, you will know better what to look for, and can help monitor the health of your school by reporting what you find to your teachers or other adults.



Remember, don't let pests get the best of you! By following IPM principles you've learned and using less pesticides, you now know how to defeat pests before they overrun your home or school! Good luck pest detective!



Pest Private Eye



About the Game

Pest Private Eye and the Case of the IPM in Schools is an educational first person role-playing video game aimed at teaching children about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

As a player, you take on the role of Pest PI while Penny Poe, Pest PI's assistant, guides you through the game.



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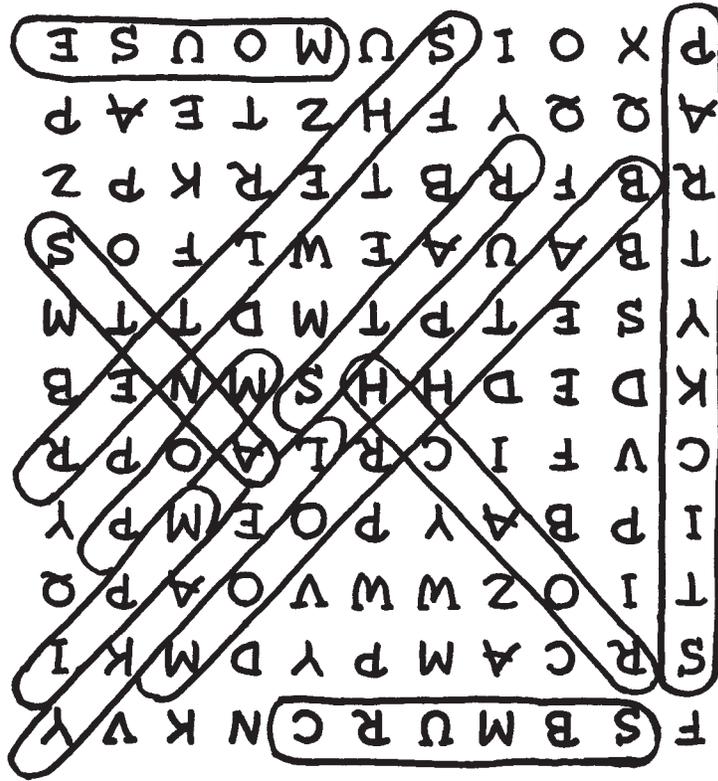
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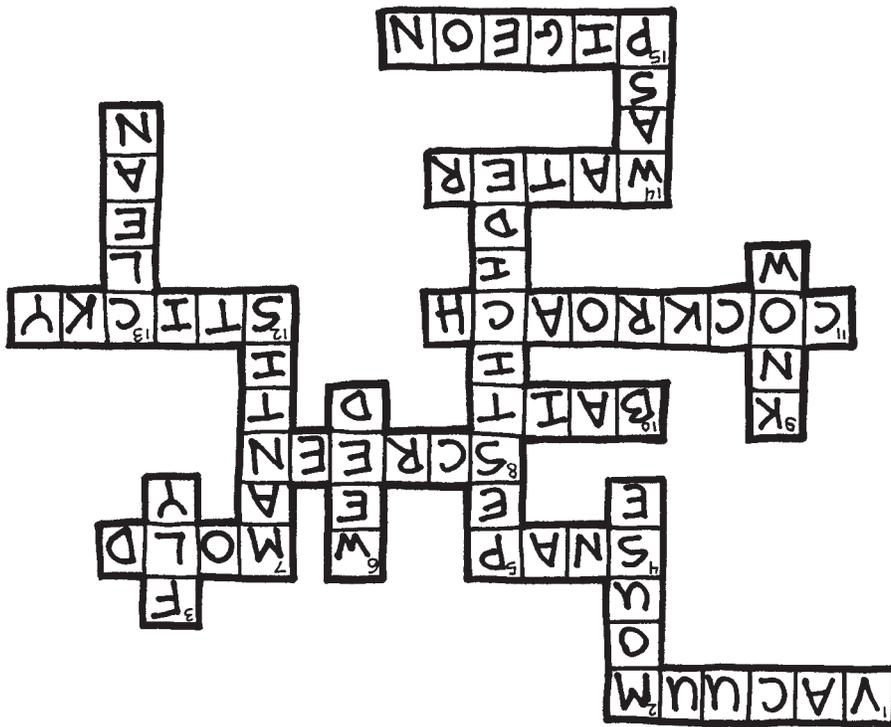
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