

Hello all,

A November school IPM program update is below. Note the attachments.

Turfgrass Management Resources...

Learn more about managing turf pests in Arizona. Check out the University of Arizona Turfgrass, Research, Education, and Extension website:

<http://turf.arizona.edu/>.

- ◆ View the monthly “Cactus Clippings” publication for professional turf managers
- ◆ Sign up for turf management workshops offered by UA
- ◆ Subscribe to an e-mail listserv for turf related updates
- ◆ See the latest research being conducted by UA turf scientists

MRSA in the News...

Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) has been in local and national news lately for showing up in schools. Arizona’s Department of Health Services has some helpful FAQs on this bug and its prevention (**see attached**). Please feel free to pass along to school staff. MRSA can sometimes be mistaken for an insect/spider bite or sting (and vice versa).

ACE Health Coalition....

The Arizona Children’s Environmental Health Coalition meeting is Thursday November 8, 2007, from 10 am- 4 pm in Phoenix. FIVE CEUs are available for those who need them. Agenda with meeting topics and location details is **attached!**

If you have not RSVP’d for the meeting, please do so! Contact Dr. Dawn Gouge: dhgouge@ag.arizona.edu or 520-381-2223.

Tribal, inner-city, and rural school districts will be represented along with state agencies, members from the pest management industry, and interested others.

Mice Inside...

It’s getting cold outside and mice are looking for warmth and food. Even in the low desert, where we’re still making record highs during the day, schools have reported an influx of mice indoors. Facilities and maintenance, custodians, operations managers – you are all in a position to educate staff on their role in preventing mice. Make your job easier! Download a school IPM newsletter on mice prevention from

the University of Arizona's Urban IPM website (December 2004 issue):
<http://ag.arizona.edu/urbanipm/schoolipm/newsletters/index.html>.
As usual, please use the Word version to modify the Pest Press as needed.

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