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New Athletic Fields Resource

A new on-line resource has been developed by the Cornell University Turf Team.

This website brings you the latest, best management practices for managing sports fields and resources for all who care for and use sports fields. The site contains information on the care of both natural and artificial turf, dealing with pest problems, injury prevention, soils, and seasonal field management schedules.

Visit <http://safesportsfields.cals.cornell.edu/> There is a lot of great resources for grounds personnel, school administrators, coaches and athletic directors!



North American Occupational Safety & Health Week May 3 - 9

Each year, during the first full week of May, the American Society of Safety Engineers and other safety professionals, observe NAOSH Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (OSHP) Day in an effort to provide information about and promote the benefits and importance of workplace safety.

NAOSH Week is May 3-9 this year, and OSHP Day is May 6. For information, activities and suggestions, go to www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh/



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a science-based approach to dealing with pests - insects, plant diseases, weeds or animals - with the goal of protecting health and the environment and reducing the cost of traditional pest treatments.

An online resource provides easy to use information to assist implementation of IPM on school property and facilitate reduced dependence on pesticides. Visit the NYS IPM Program of Cornell University at www.northeastipm.org/bmps-for-school-ipm for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pest Management in Today's Schools

presented by NYS IMP Program of Cornell University, NYS DEC and the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES

Thursday, May 14, 2015

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES
Regional Education Center
Presentation Room**

Emergency Communications Drill on April 30 Highlights Severe Weather Awareness Week

The 27th annual Severe Weather Awareness Week is scheduled the week of April 26-May 2, 2015

The National Weather Service, in partnership with the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission, the New York State Emergency Management Association, and the New York State Broadcasters Association, will conduct the 27th annual Severe Weather Awareness Week from April 26 through May 2.

There will be an emergency communication drill, which will be run statewide on Thursday, April 30th at approximately 1:15 p.m. The five National Weather Service offices serving New York State will originate the generic emergency message to test communication networks that are in place.

It is imperative that our schools be prepared for hazardous weather, whether it be a thunderstorm with frequent lightning that threatens an after-school practice or a sporting event to a flood, winter storm or even a tornado or high wind storm. The NWS recommends that all schools have a NOAA Weather Radio. The NOAA Weather Radio will relay not only these test communication messages, but all weather warnings directly from your local NWS office. Following the scheduled tests, participants will respond electronically to the communications drill's response form through a secure website or fax.

If you have any questions regarding Severe Weather Awareness Week or would like information about the communication drill, please contact the BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management or visit www.weather.gov/bgm/preparednessSWAW



National School Nurse Day

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

National School Nurse Day has been an annual recognition since 1972, with the goal of promoting a better understanding of the role of nurses in the educational setting. Please take a few moments on May 6th to thank your school nurses for all they do.

For more information on National School Nurse Day, visit the NASN Web site at www.schoolnurseday.org

PLAYGROUND SAFETY AUDITS



The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management provides playground safety audits and produces audit reports to inform school districts about the safety of their playgrounds as compared to the national standard of care for playground safety. These reports reference the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety and the American Society for Testing and Materials: Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use F-1487 (ASTM).

Compliance with these standards will offer a safer environment for students and help reduce liability to school districts. Please call the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office at (315) 255-7683 to schedule playground safety audits at your district.

Playground Safety

Please call the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office to schedule playground safety audits. An inspector is available to conduct audits for compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety and ASTM F1487-01 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use.



Playground Maintenance

School personnel can use the following checklist to assist with periodic maintenance of playground equipment and surfacing. The frequency of maintenance should increase with the volume of playground use. Daily maintenance checks should be considered during times of peak use.

Playground Maintenance Checklist

Location of Playground _____ Maint. Performed by _____

Date _____ (Check after each step is completed.)

General Upkeep

- Miscellaneous debris, broken glass, litter, etc have been removed.
- Trash containers are emptied or replaced.
- Damaged equipment has been repaired or replaced.
- Obstacles in equipment use zones have been removed.

Surfacing

- Surfacing materials are of adequate levels (at least 12 inches of loose surfacing such as pea gravel, shredded rubber, wood mulch, or wood fibers OR unitary products such as rubber mats/tiles or poured-in-place).
- Areas of compaction, kick-out, or wear have been leveled or repaired.
- There are no potential drainage problems.
- Sidewalks, paved surfaces, steps, and platforms have been swept or cleaned of loose surface materials and debris.

General Hazards

- There are no sharp points, corners, or edges.
- There are no protrusions or projections.
- There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.
- Potential clothing entanglement hazards have been eliminated.
- There are no pinch points, crush points, or exposed moving parts.
- Potential trip hazards have been removed.
- Hanging tree branches have been trimmed.

Equipment Deterioration

- Wooden equipment is free of splinters, checking, large cracks, warping and rot.
- Pressure treated lumber is maintained in accordance with NYS guidelines.
- Metal structures are free of rust, corrosion, and chipped paint.
- Plastic structures are free of holes and cracks.
- There are no unstable or exposed anchorings.

Hardware

- There are no loose or worn connecting, covering, or fastening devices.
- All S-hooks are closed.
- Moving parts do not show excessive wear.
- Chains are not kinked, twisted, or broken.

Lenovo Expands Recall of Battery Packs for ThinkPad Notebook Computers Due to Fire Hazard

Consumers should stop using this product, which is being recalled voluntarily, unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product:: ThinkPad notebook computer battery packs

Hazard: The battery packs can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Units: About 148,800 in the United States and 17,700 in Canada. (About 34,500 in the United States and 2,900 in Canada were recalled in March 2014.)



Description: This recall involves Lenovo battery packs sold with the following ThinkPad notebook computers: the Edge 11, 13, 14, 15, 120, 125, 320, 325, 420, 425, 430, 520, 525 and 530 series; the L412, L420/421, L512 and L520 series; the T410, T420, T510 and T520 series; the W510 and W520 series; and the X100e, X120e, X121e, X130e, X200, X200s, X201, X201s, X220 and X220t series.

The battery packs were also sold separately. The black battery packs measure between 8 to 11 inches long, 1 to 3 inches wide and about 1 inch high. Recalled battery packs have one of the following part numbers starting with the fourth digit in a long series of numbers and

letters printed on a white sticker below the bar code on the battery pack:

42T4695, 42T4711, 42T4740, 42T4798, 42T4804, 42T4812, 42T4816, 42T4822, 42T4826, 42T4828, 42T4834, 42T4840, 42T4862, 42T4868, 42T4874, 42T4880, 42T4890, 42T4944, 42T4948, 42T4954, 42T4958, 45N1022 and 45N1050.

Incidents/Injuries: Lenovo has received four reports of incidents of battery packs overheating and damaging the computers, battery packs and surrounding property. One incident included a consumer's skin being reddened and burn marks on the consumer's clothing.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately turn off their ThinkPad notebook computer, remove the battery pack and contact Lenovo for a free replacement battery pack. Consumers can continue to use their ThinkPad notebook without the battery pack by plugging in the AC adapter and power cord.

Sold at: Computer and electronics stores, and authorized dealers nationwide and online at www.lenovo.com from February 2010 through June 2012 for between \$350 and \$3,000 when sold as part of ThinkPad notebook computers. The battery packs were also sold separately for between \$80 and \$150.

Importer: Lenovo Inc., of Morrisville, N.C.

Manufactured in: China

Consumer Contact: Lenovo at (800) 426-7378 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.lenovo.com and select Support at the top of the page, then click on the link to the recall page in the News and Alerts section at the bottom right of the page for more information.



NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, age, marital status, partnership status, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, gender (sex), military status, veteran status, domestic violence victim status or political affiliation, and additionally does not discriminate against students on the basis of weight, gender identity, gender expression, and religious practices or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in employment or its programs and activities. The BOCES provides equal access to community and youth organizations.

Inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies should be directed to:

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May Health Observances

May 6

National Bike to School Day

National Center for Safe Routes to School
730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Suite 300/ Campus
Box 3430

Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3430
866-610-7787

info@walktoschool.org
www.walkbiketoschool.org

May 1 - 31

National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

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