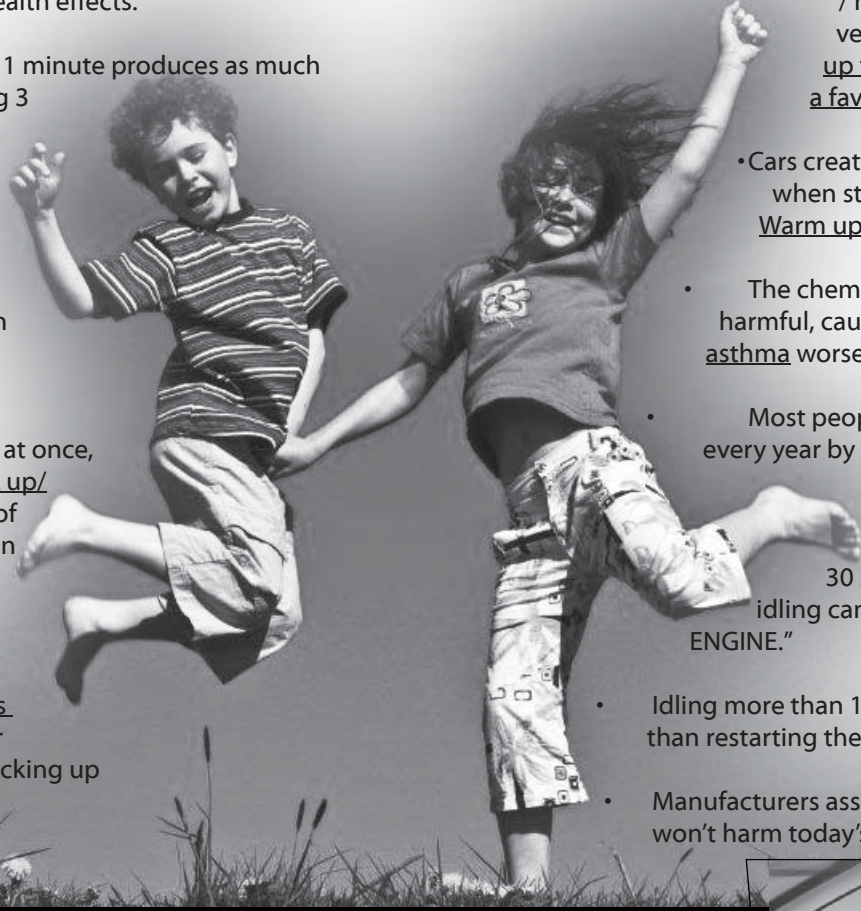


DRIVING TO SCHOOL? Please note, our School is now **IDLE-FREE FOR THE KIDS!** **PLEASE TURN OFF ENGINES IF PARKED NEAR THE SCHOOL.**

WHY NOT IDLE

- Car exhaust contains air toxics, which are known to cause cancer, respiratory effects, reproductive effects, birth defects or other serious health effects.
- Idling your engine for just 1 minute produces as much carbon dioxide as smoking 3 packs of cigarettes.
- Because of their developing lungs and higher breathing rates, children are more susceptible to air pollution and the damage to their lungs.
- If many vehicles are idling at once, for example in school pick up/ drop off areas, "hot spot" of excessive exhaust pollution can be created.
- Studies and monitoring at schools have shown elevated levels of air toxics during the afternoon hour coinciding with parents picking up their children.



IDLING FACTS

- Idling pollutes the air outside & inside your vehicle when car is not moving. Starting an engine while opening doors / hatch pumps exhaust INTO vehicle. Remember, 'Warming up the car' is not doing anyone a favour!
- Cars create up to 10x more pollution when started cold. Start and GO! Warm up your car by driving.
- The chemicals from exhaust are harmful, causes cancer & can make asthma worse.
- Most people waste \$200-300 gas every year by idling. **SAVE YOUR \$ & fuel !**
- Ford Motor Company says: "Avoid idling more than 30 seconds, because excessive idling can actually **DAMAGE YOUR ENGINE.**"
- Idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting the engine.
- Manufacturers assure that frequent restarting won't harm today's engines.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WALK TO SCHOOL ...is the easiest solution...try it!

Set an example and start the day off right by walking more to help children socialize, get fresh air and some the recommended 60 minutes of exercise a day!

IF YOU MUST DRIVE...and are going to park 10+ seconds, turn engine off!

PLEDGE TO STOP UNNECESSARILY IDLING AS A COMMON COURTESY TO NEIGHBOURS TOO! WE ALL HAVE THE KEY TO CLEAN AIR!

Be a good neighbour! Join school bus drivers, parents, teachers, students and others who are turning off their engines to save fuel, protect the children, fight climate change and as a common courtesy to by-standers, pedestrians out for some fresh air and to help keep our neighbourhoods safe and healthy places to live...and play in.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE. PLEASE FORWARD THIS ON TO A FRIEND, NEIGHBOUR, CO-WORKER OR TO FAMILY MEMBERS, SHOWING THEM HOW, TOGETHER, WE CAN 'BE PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION!'

