

***A friendly message from your Homestead Green Team...***

The days have just gotten shorter, the weather a bit colder and we all want to stay warm... but we ask you to consider the following when idling your automobile in the parent pick up line...

- Asthma is a serious chronic condition in school-aged children. Asthma symptoms increase as a result of car exhaust and car emissions which produce three major pollutants, including carbon monoxide. Ground level ozone leads to coughing, wheezing, and eye irritation and can result in chronic lung problems.
- Every two minutes of car idling consumes the same amount of gas required to drive approximately 1 mile. Over ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting your engine.
- Excessive idling can damage your engine – cylinders, sparkplugs and exhaust system.

Please consider turning off your cars engine while waiting in parent pick-up line. By doing so you will help preserve our children's health, our natural resources and your car!

**Courtesy of the Green Team Committee  
and the Homestead PTA**