

ENVIRONMENTAL DETECTIVE

The Asthma Partnership has developed a 3 lesson curriculum called *Environmental Detective*. We would like to teach the curriculum to ALL 4th AND 5th GRADERS beginning after MEAP. (Second and third graders will receive it in October and November next year.) Our trained health educators will teach the classes. We are available to work with individual teachers to integrate these lessons into your current teaching plans: 1-800-990-9814.

The curriculum focuses on how air contaminants can affect the respiratory system, especially for people with asthma. The content is consistent with Detroit Public Schools science objectives for 3rd 4th and 5th grades. Much of the material comes from *Open Airways*, the curriculum we are teaching to children who have asthma in your school. Our aim is to generate support among their classmates for children with asthma.

Environmental Detective teaches classmates of children with asthma to be aware of the sources and solutions for specific asthma triggers, such as cockroaches, dust mites, pollen and second hand cigarette smoke. The activities have been piloted and were well received in Willow Run Community Schools. To ensure the support of families and caregivers we will send a flyer home in February. PLEASE HELP US GET THIS FLYER HOME TO FAMILIES! As always, thank you.