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# Kids 4 Clean Air

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## Special Events: Mark Your Calendars!

### Air Care Challenge, Entries due July 30, 2004

Draw a picture of what clean air means to you, or what you do to reduce air pollution. Your picture might get painted on the outside of a Sun Tran bus that will be in the Earth Day Parade on April 16, 2005. Send entries to PDEQ Clean Air Program, 150 W. Congress St. Tucson, AZ 85701. Please include your name, age, address, phone number, and school name.

### Walk to School Day, October 6, 2004

Walk with friends, school mates, or your parents to school this day to help reduce crowded parking lots and air pollution. Learn about walking safely, and get some exercise to boot! Contact your school to register at [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org).

### Car Care Check-Up, October 23, 2004, 9AM to 1PM

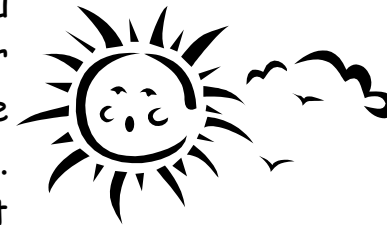
Bring your family vehicle to Pima Community College's Downtown Campus for a FREE check-up by professional mechanics and volunteers. FREE services include: safety, tires, under-the-hood, and emissions checks. Learn about how taking care of your vehicle helps reduce air pollution. For information, contact 740.3118 or [www.deq.pima.gov/air](http://www.deq.pima.gov/air).

### GLOBE

Fun, environmental-based, hands-on field study trips at Agua Caliente Park. Ask your teacher about signing up. For more information: 877-6122.

## Is the Air Clean Today?

When you play in the dirt or mud, you can see that you get dirty.



It's not like that with the air. You can't always see how dirty the air is. That's why we have special machines that test the air to see how dirty it is.

You can find out how clean or dirty the air is by calling 882-4AIR or checking out [www.AirInfoNow.org](http://www.AirInfoNow.org). Click on the "Activities" link for fun stuff for kids. You can find out how the air gets dirty, see how your lungs work, and how dirty air affects your lungs.

## Jokes



☺ Why did the robber wear blue gloves?

Because he didn't want to be caught red-handed.  
 Essence—age 9

☺ What did one eye say to the other?

Just between you and me there's something that smells.  
 Tosh—age 9

☺ What did one penny say to the other penny?

We make perfect cents.  
 Liz—age 6

## INFO FEATURE: Wizard's Corner

We need more than spells and magic to help clean the air. The "Wizard of Air" is here with answers to your every day air questions.

**Q:** Can you tell when the air will be dirty, like how the weather people on TV can forecast weather?



**A:** Sort of. We have the **Air Quality Index** which shows us how much pollution is in the air. There is a color code that tells us if the air is healthy, very unhealthy, or different stages in between. Monitors that take samples of the air are located around the Tucson area. Some monitors report to us every hour, so we can tell how the air is doing in different places right now.

Ask air questions.

Click on [www.AirInfoNow.org](http://www.AirInfoNow.org) for current air quality info and to learn about air pollution.

### Brain Busters: Air Quality Word Search

Words can be backwards,  
upside down, or diagonal.

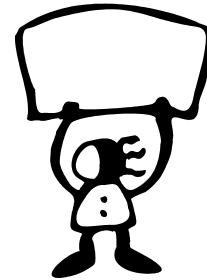
Activity	Limit
Air	Orange
Asthma	Outdoor
Avoid	Purple
Breathing	Quality
Code	Red
Color	Sensitive
Green	Time
Healthy	Unhealthy
Index	Yellow

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## FUN FEATURE: Color Me Air Quality Index Days

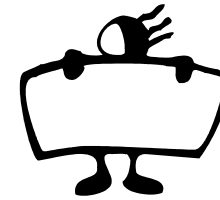
Use this code to learn the colors that go with the air quality index system. Then fill in the colors. (Hint: a = n, n = a.)

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z



Good air day!  
No health impact when we have this color day.

t e r r a



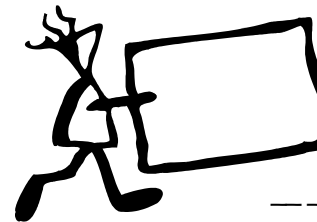
Moderate day.  
People who are very sensitive to dirty air should limit outdoor activities.

l r y y b j



Unhealthy day for sensitive people. People with asthma or other breathing problems, older adults, and children should limit outdoor activities on this color day.

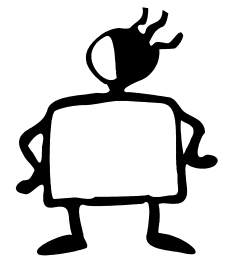
b e n a t r



Unhealthy day. People with breathing problems, older adults, and children should avoid being outdoors for long periods of time. Everyone else should limit outdoor activity.

e r q

Very unhealthy day. People with breathing problems, older adults, and children should avoid all outdoor activity. Everyone else should limit outdoor activity.



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