

love my air denver

Dear UPark family-

University Park Elementary is now a partner school in the Love My Air Denver program!

Why? We're working in partnership with your school to address higher than average DPS asthma rates. Many community members don't realize the impacts of poor air quality, including that children are more susceptible to its effects. These effects can include decreased lung function and missed days of school, which in turn, can decrease academic performance. Denver families spend an average of \$3,100 a year on asthma-related medical costs, resulting in more than \$30 million spent annually.

What? Love My Air is a grant funded program led by the City and County of Denver in partnership with DPS. The program empowers Denver's communities to live better, longer by reducing air pollution and limiting exposure through behavior change, advocacy, and community engagement. Your school has an air quality sensor near the kiss-and-go lane. Visit DenverAQ.com/UniversityPark to see your school's air quality. A TV monitor displaying the webpage is coming to your school soon. The sensor measures fine particulate matter, or PM2.5, which is a product of running vehicles, construction, fires, and industry. PM2.5 impacts cardiovascular and respiratory health. While we expect to see only a few exceedances reaching into the "red zone" a year, during winter months we anticipate more "yellow" days which are unhealthy for sensitive groups, including people with asthma.

How? We will support your school to take educated, proactive approaches to keep your community safe. In addition to data, Love My Air offers a bunch of free programs with the goal of reducing pollution and educating the community.

What can you do? Talk to your children about air quality and how their health may be impacted. Assist your school administrators with the adoption of programs such as anti-idling campaigns or walking "school buses". We are here to help you every step of the way with resources, hands-on assistance, and presentations to your school community.

For more information visit LoveMyAirDenver.com. For support, contact Aubrey Burgess at Aubrey.Burgess@Denvergov.org or 720-865-5517.

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