

Dear Principal,

Attached are a few facts to reinforce the Cleaning the Air Campaign. Sustainable Belmont would like to provide more information to the community about why having an idle free community is important. If you could include one or two of these facts into your parent newsletters it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the Cleaning the Air Campaign, please feel free to call any of the coordinators of this effort.

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\*\*\*\*\* Facts about Cleaning the Air Campaign \*\*\*\*\*

Idling Gets You Nowhere – Why should our schools care about idling?

Children are more vulnerable to health problems because they breathe faster, inhale more air per kilogram of body weight than adults, and are still growing. Do your share for clean air – turn off your car when you're not driving. For additional information, contact [sustainablebelmont@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablebelmont@gmail.com)

Idling Gets You Nowhere – Driving is the best way to warm up your car; idling isn't.

Cars only need to about 30 seconds of idling on a cold day before driving. Today's modern engines are designed to drive cars, not idle. These engines warm up more quickly driving than idling. Of course, make sure your windows are clear and free from snow and ice before you start driving. For additional information, contact [sustainablebelmont@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablebelmont@gmail.com)