

CLEAN AIR CHAMPIONS

YOUR MISSION: Advocate for an Idle-Free zone around your school to help reduce air pollution and protect the environment.

- 1.** Talk about what idling is (leaving a car or bus engine running when it is not moving). Discuss why idling is bad for people and the environment, such as creating air pollution and harming health. One way we can help is by encouraging people to turn off their engines while waiting around the school for drop-offs, pick-ups, or deliveries.
- 2.** As a class, make a plan to advocate for an idle-free zone around your school. Have students explain the benefits of an idle free zone through:
 - Creating a simple petition for other students, teachers, and parents to sign that says they support an idle-free zone (**Sample petition**).
 - Making No Idling Posters (**see template**).
 - Sharing information on the announcements/school social media.
 - Reminding their parents and guardians to turn off the engines when waiting near the school.
- 3.** Carry out your action plan by sharing information with your school community.



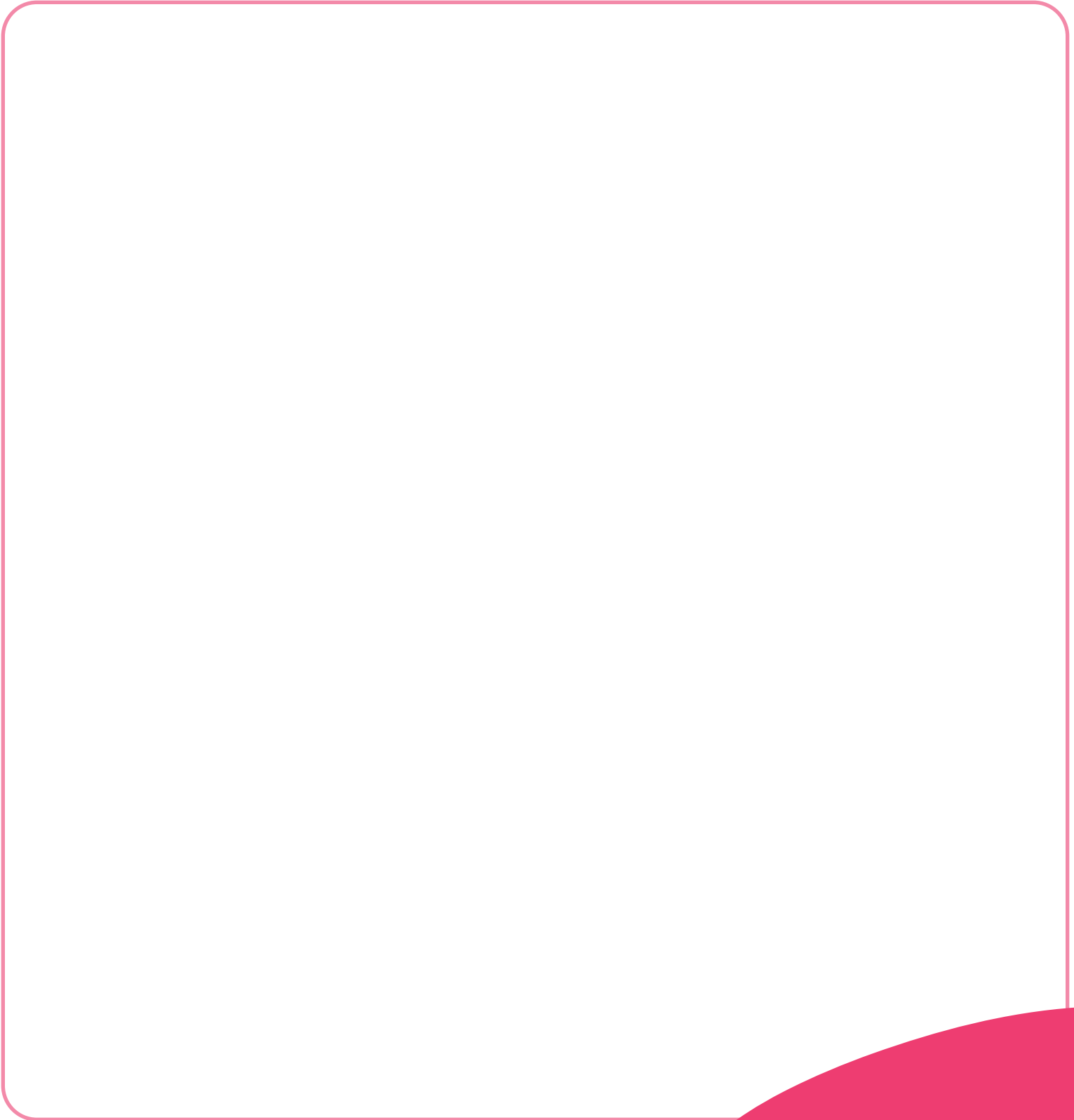
The problem with idling explained to kids

When a car is running but not moving, it makes dirty air that can be hard to breathe, especially for people with asthma or allergies. Turning off the engine helps stop the car from making this dirty air. This way, everyone can breathe easier, and the Earth stays cleaner and healthier for animals, plants and people.



**SPRING
QUEST**

No Idling!





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Petition for an Idle-Free Zone
in Front of Our School

To: _____

From: _____

Date: _____

We, the students of _____ **(Class Name)** _____ care about our health and our environment. That's why we are asking for an Idle-Free Zone in front of our school.

Every day, cars wait outside with their engines running. This creates air pollution that is bad for our lungs and can make it harder to breathe, especially for kids with asthma. It also harms our planet.

We want to make a difference! We would like all drivers to turn off their engines while waiting near our school. This small change will help keep the air cleaner for everyone.

Thank you for helping us make our school a healthier place!

Sign below to support an Idle-Free Zone at our school:

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