

Did You Know?!?

Renewable energy sources are virtually inexhaustible. They generate energy with minimal pollution, causing no oil spills, nuclear meltdowns, nuclear wastes, smog, or acid rain.

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Let the Trainings Begin!

The PEAK team is coming to a school district near you to complete our series of PEAK Teacher Orientation and Training events. During Teacher Orientations and Trainings, PEAK Trainers explain to new and continuing teachers how to get the



most benefit from participating in the PEAK program. Teachers experience how to set up labs, use their new Teacher Resource Guide Book, use the new PEAK 5.0 Software, and how to identify all of the

supplies in their Tool Kits. Most importantly, teachers learn how to incorporate teaching the ethic of efficiency into teaching the science of energy. Teachers also get to know the PEAK staff and learn how they will be supported throughout the year. The first Teacher Orientation and Training took place in San Bernardino City Unified School District on December 2nd. Six SBCUSD

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Irvine Students Lead Their Schools to Efficiency

Starting this March, principals in each Irvine Unified School District elementary school will sponsor an afterschool Energy Club at their school! Supported by the IUSD Maintenance Department and PEAK, the yet to be named Energy Clubs' student members will be responsible for monitoring their school for wasted energy and teaching other students (and teachers) how to be energy efficient. Club members will also make recommendations to their principals and School Board officials on how to correct the energy-



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wasting problems they've identified. Each Club will track their school's energy-savings progress, based on comparisons from the previous year's utility bills. Clubs that save the most energy will be recognized by City Council and School Board officials!

PEAK wishes to thank Energy Champion, Joe Hoffman, IUSD Director of Maintenance and Operations, whose renewed enthusiasm for this project brought together the interested teachers, principals, and School District staff, with the PEAK team to make this idea a reality.

Teacher Training, cont.

teachers participated in the 3-hour interactive training and were excited to learn about how to use the resources provided by PEAK.

Upcoming PEAK teacher trainings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, February 3 - Corona/Norco
Thursday, February 10 - Corona/Norco
Wednesday, February 16 - Moreno Valley
Thursday, February 17 - Palm Desert

Call for all Beta Testers!

The PEAK 5.0 "Energy Challenge" Software is nearing completion! The software will include a Home Simulation, Trivia section, Community Blackout activity, and a Heating and Cooling efficiency section. The Software is a fun and interactive way for students to see how using more efficient technology and making energy efficient behavioral changes will positively affect the energy future. Well, at least the PEAK team thinks so...

Now it is time to test it on the hardest critics of all, THE STUDENTS!

If your class is interested in Beta Testing the PEAK 5.0 Software contact Sarah Mills at smills@energycoalition.org to get a sneak preview of the software before it is released. Space is limited and testers will be chosen on a first come, first served basis.