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Did You Know?!?

Unlike high-income countries that have 100% access to electricity, only 36% of the population of low-income countries has access to electricity.

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PEAK wants to extend a special thanks to teachers and administrators who attended the Community Energy Partnership's planning forum last month in Oxnard California. Many great ideas were heard and we are looking forward to incorporating them into our program!



Saving Energy at School Scavenger Hunt

With the support of PEAK, Southern California Edison, and The Gas Company, students have the opportunity to win a \$10,000 award for their school and a \$1,000 scholarship for themselves!

This fall nearly every 11th and 12th grade student in PEAK school districts in Southern California received a 20 page booklet that took them on an Energy Saving Scavenger



Hunt through their school. The booklet focused on energy efficiency and management at a school facility level and enabled students to make their own observations about their school's energy consumption.

All students who received the Saving Energy at School Scavenger Hunt were prompted to send in an attached response card detailing what they had learned about their school's energy consumption. Those response cards will then be entered into a drawing to win an IPOD® Nano early this month!

Students who want to take their learning a step further, have the opportunity to create an energy management plan for their school using a \$10,000 budget. One winning plan will be selected in each school district by a panel of expert judges. This plan will be implemented and the winning student will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. (I guess getting an education really does pay off!!!)

New Schools in Illinois

Thanks to the support of Northern Illinois Energy Project, PEAK welcomed three new schools to the PEAK team in Northern Illinois! We honor the commitment these dedicated administrators, staff and teachers have made toward increasing energy awareness in their communities through the PEAK Program:



- Hoover Elementary School in Calumet City, Illinois - Nominated by Superintendent Michael Wierzbicki
- German Valley Grade School in German Valley, Illinois - Nominated by Representative Jim Sacia
- East Dubuque Elementary School in East Dubuque, Illinois - Nominated by Representative Jim Sacia

Each of these three schools brings a unique approach to PEAK and we are excited to work with such a talented group of educators!

Save Energy - Earn Money!

Raising money for your school while helping keep our environment clean and saving money for your community - what a great idea! Instead of selling the usual candy and wrapping paper, why not sell CFLs to raise money for your school? That is what several PEAK schools in Southern California and Northern Illinois have done with the help of PEAK. One school even raised over \$4,000!



To find out how you can help the environment, your community, and your school all at the same time, contact PEAK.
