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Did You Know!?

Fossil fuels are depleted at a rate that is 100,000 times faster than they are formed.

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Welcome Mariposa Elementary!

Let's give Mariposa Elementary a warm PEAK welcome! After much hard work from Laura Halcom, the City of Brea's Team Leader, PEAK is now piloting in its first school in the Brea Olinda Unified School District. The fourth grade teachers just finished their training, and to kick-off PEAK at their



school, they held a Spirit Assembly to get the whole school excited! The student council recently voted that they will be selling CFLs as a fundraiser for their school this spring too. What an enthusiastic school!

If your school wants to be like Mariposa and participate in:

- A CFL Fundraiser to raise money for your school!
- A special activity with PEAK staff in your classroom!
- A Spirit Assembly with Bulbman or other events recognizing your school's efforts to promote smart energy management!

Then contact our PEAK Outreach Assistant, Chelsea Hales to set up a classroom visit. Chelsea may be reached at: chales@energycoalition.org

PEAK is Expanding in California!

The Energy Coalition is happy to announce that PEAK will be expanding into Pacific Gas & Electric's and San Diego Gas & Electric's service territories! PEAK has now gained acceptance within all major Investor Owned Utilities in the state. That means during the next three years over 20,000 additional students will be learning how to be "smart energy managers," in their homes, schools and communities bringing the total count of PEAK students to over 65,000 in California!



If you know any schools that would be perfect for PEAK, or want to start a mouse-pal exchange with your class and a class from one of the new project areas, contact Anastasia Beckett at abeckett@energycoalition.org.

Introducing New PEAK Staff

PEAK has expanded so much in the past couple of

months, you will be seeing some new faces around and we thought you should meet them!



Chelsea Hales, left, and Lisa Smith

PEAK would

like to welcome the newest additions to our staff, Chelsea Hales, Outreach Assistant and Lisa Smith, Project Manager.

Lisa will be working in our Partnership Cities on a new project, PEAK Plus, that utilizes Real Time Meters on PEAK households. She brings with her, experience in the nonprofit sector where she worked as a bilingual advocate for children with special needs. She also taught elementary level Spanish and English in a private school setting. Lisa focused her master's project on developing educational curriculum to teach a sustainable consumption ethic to youth, while earning her Masters Degree in Sustainable International Development. To contact Lisa call (949) 701-4646 x20 or e-mail lsmith@energycoalition.org.

Chelsea will also be working in our Partnership Cities focusing on outreach to schools and classrooms. She recently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Southern California in and while she was earning her degree, she volunteered as a Mentor tutoring middle school students at schools in Los Angeles as part of a Joint Education Project. She will also be able to put on a great assembly with the experience that she gained while interning for two years at Warner Brothers Studio in their Premiers and Special Events Department! To contact Chelsea call (949) 701-4646 x28 or e-mail chales@energycoalition.org.

Troy Middle School Learns About Saving Energy at School

It's was an exciting week for Troy Middle School in Plainfield, Illinois as they welcomed ASW Engineer Tom Jones and the PEAK staff to kick off the program with a school energy audit and assembly to learn more about saving energy at school.

Mr. Jones led a tour of PEAK students around their school site pointing out technical measures that helped to make their school energy efficient and talked about simple behavioral changes they could make at home and at school that would help them save even more money on their utility bills.



The assembly helped prepare Troy's 400 7th graders for a "PEAK intensive" in their classrooms; one month of PEAK activities and labs as well the development of special projects centered around energy efficiency and conservation to be presented at the end of the school year.