



## Teacher E-News

Fall 2006

### Welcome Back to School

Dear Anastasia,  
It's a new school year, and PEAK is thrilled to support your school for another exciting year of energy education and conservation! We would also like to remind you of the services and resources that you, as a PEAK teacher, can take full advantage of.

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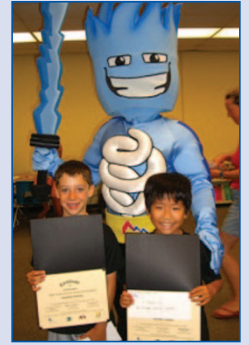
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### Thursday November 9th is Energy Appreciation Day!

Bulbman would love to visit your class on Energy Appreciation Day but he can't be everywhere at once. Be the first to email Chelsea and win a school visit from Bulbman. See details under "Important Dates to Remember".



### PEAK Services and Resources, Before You Begin...

- Please remember to contact PEAK 2-3 weeks prior to beginning the curriculum to arrange for delivery of the free **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb** for each of your students. The CFL goes home with the student along with the introductory Letter to the Parent/Guardian (found at the end of Unit 1). Both are meant to "jump-start" energy efficient practices in the home.



Also, don't forget about the **Participatory Learning Prompts** which are infused throughout the curriculum. At the end of every unit is a "Homework", "School Energy Patrol", and/or "Community as Classroom" section meant to engage students, often outside the classroom, to take a more active part in their learning.

### PEAK Services and Resources, Throughout the Year...

- **Visits from Bulbman**, our energy-saving mascot! Bulbman can be the centerpiece of a fun and informative Energy Rally Assembly, or can visit school during lunch hour to pass out information. These visits can help "kick-off" the PEAK curriculum.
- **Site visits from PEAK staff** who will assist you as you teach the PEAK labs, and/or will do a presentation on basic PEAK concepts. Or, contact us with other ideas on how PEAK staff could help out with energy-related classroom activities.
- **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Sales as fundraisers** for your school. PEAK staff will train your students on the benefits of these energy-saving bulbs. Students pass this information on to

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## Important Dates to Remember

### Energy Appreciation Day, November 9th, 2006.

Look for a packet of information which will guide you and your students through this day when we recognize the importance of energy in our lives, and join together to conserve it. Try the self-imposed temporary blackout, and other energy-saving measures. Win a classroom visit from Bulbman, by simply being the first to email Chelsea at to tell her you'd like a visit from Bulbman. For details see: [peakstudents.net](http://peakstudents.net).

### Energy Slogan Contest for Students, November 9th-22nd, 2006

Your students can motivate other students by creating a slogan for saving energy. For details see: [peakstudents.net](http://peakstudents.net).

**PEAK Teacher Orientation and Trainings, Dates vary by district.** Orientation and training sessions for new and existing PEAK Teachers, during which PEAK Teacher Resource Guidebooks and Toolkits are distributed.

**Kick-off Events and Distribution of CFLs, Dates vary by district.** Please arrange with PEAK staff in advance to have a "kick-off" event. All students will receive their CFL as soon as teachers notify PEAK at the start of the curriculum.

**International PEAK Week, May 29th-June 1st, 2007.** Join PEAK classrooms all over the world in a week of simultaneous direct actions to save energy.

## Your Involvement in PEAK is an Integral Part of a Broad Effort

Your involvement in PEAK is a key component of a larger movement of sustainable energy usage. PEAK is a program of The Energy Coalition, a nonprofit organization which positions education at the core of all of its work. The Energy Coalition provides energy efficiency and demand response education and resources to four main constituencies:

1. Students
2. Adult community members
3. Businesses
4. City/County Governments



The PEAK mission centers on instilling an ethic of positive energy resource stewardship in our youth, which is long lasting, and passes from them to their families and peers. The Energy Coalition forms strategic partnerships with City governments, School Districts, business leaders, and utility and regulatory officials to secure sustainable electricity and natural gas resources for the future of your community. For more information about PEAK's funding partners, please visit their websites.

other students, parents, and community members during the fundraiser. Your school keeps all the profits!

- **Special recognition by PEAK staff** (and maybe even Bulbman!) for your students' outstanding energy conservation efforts. This could be on your campus, or at a School Board or City Council meeting.

- **The PEAK e-newsletter and the [www.peakstudents.net](http://www.peakstudents.net) website.** Did you know that in addition to energy related news, the e-newsletter often

includes information on special contests/grants you and your students can apply for? Did you know that the website contains



interactive activities designed to teach your students about energy conservation?

- **The "Teacher's Corner"**. This special section of the PEAK website contains PDF documents of the entire curriculum, in English and Spanish. You can easily find any of the labs, instructional photographs, graphs, and charts there. The password to enter is: Bulbman. Click here to enter the Teacher's Corner.

- **Assessment and coordination services** for energy-saving school projects. Perhaps you'd like to take your students on a field trip to a power plant or apply for a grant to have solar panels installed on your school campus. PEAK can help!

Please call (949-701-4646 x28), or email PEAK for more information about these resources.

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We look forward to another great school year with you!  
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