



PEAK Teacher E-News Special Edition *Bon Voyage Sarah!*

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This is a special edition of the PEAK e-news in honor of the great work of Sarah Mills, our PEAK Program Manager for the past three and a half years. Sarah is moving on from her position as PEAK Program Manager, but we could not let her go without expressing our sincere gratitude for her commitment to PEAK and the great work that she has done enhancing and expanding the PEAK program. We are sad to see her go, but delighted to have had the opportunity to benefit from Sarah's gifted leadership.



Under Sarah's guidance, the quantity of students taught and the resources available to PEAK students, teachers, and their families expanded significantly. Since 2005, the PEAK curriculum has been fine-tuned to support academic achievement standards as well as promote energy conservation ethics using service-learning as the framework. The peakstudents.net website was established and the PEAK Energy Challenge Software was developed and engages thousands of students and their families each year. Additionally, a Saving Energy at School component was established to prompt PEAK students to work with school district facility staff to implement energy saving changes at their school sites.

Sarah also spearheaded the PEAK sister city programs with both Gothenburg and Nacka, Sweden and guided the expansion of PEAK in the United States from its initial three cities - Irvine, Santa

"I hope that I've inspired people to view youth as vital participants in our collective efforts to change the way people think about and use energy resources"

- Sarah Mills

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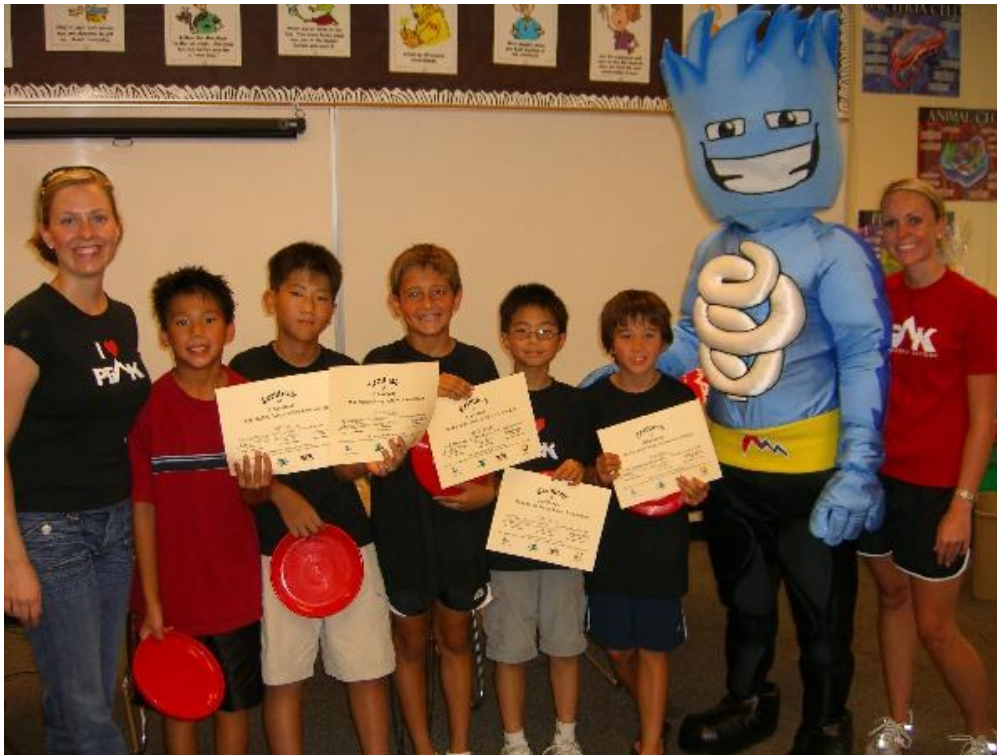
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Monica and Palm Desert - into five additional southern California cities, as well as into northern Illinois, San Diego and San Francisco. The PEAK Plus educational research project was also created under Sarah's leadership. Quite a list of accomplishments!

Moving forward, The Energy Coalition's PEAK Team is poised to continue its well established tradition of instilling energy stewardship and ethics into students and their communities throughout California, Illinois and in Sweden. On October 2nd we look forward to instituting our 5th year of PEAK exchanges, where we will welcome approximately 20 Swedish teachers into the PEAK family by training them in the new-edition Teacher Resource Guidebook, PEAK Energy Challenge software and additional support services. We look forward to a busy couple of months with PEAK kick-off events, CFL fundraisers, Saving Energy at School energy assessments, PEAK Teacher Trainings and Orientations, site visits and other special events just in time to celebrate Earth Day and International PEAK Week at the end of May!

All staff at the Coalition have reaped the benefits of Sarah's wisdom and leadership and feel privileged to watch her set sail to a bright future.

Bon Voyage Sarah - we wish you all the best!



"While I am pleased with the success that Sarah has achieved within the Coalition, I am sorry to see her go. She came into the Coalition's nest 3 ½ years ago and is today 'leaving home.' I know she will be very successful in whatever endeavor she chooses and I look forward to having her return to the nest periodically for a 'mentoring worm or two.' I am pleased that the Coalition has become a breeding ground for young, creative and inspired professionals who, with environmental considerations at their cores, greatly enhance our vision, our stature, and our commitment to constantly being at the cutting edge of enhancing the demand response and energy efficiency capability of our utilities and the cities they serve. God bless you Sarah. I wish you the best of fortune!"

-John Phillips, Executive Director of The Energy Coalition

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