

The PEAK team is excited to welcome our teachers back for another year of energy education and conservation! It is more important than ever that students get involved in learning about "the big energy picture". As part of the PEAK community, there are many resources available to not only help you teach your students about the science of energy in a fun and meaningful way, but also to help them explore where our energy comes from and what they can do to shape the energy future. Read on to learn all about what PEAK has to offer your community! Ready, set... go PEAK!

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The "Starting PEAK" Checklist



Jumpstart energy-efficient practices at home!

home with each student.

- Remember to contact us 2-3 weeks prior to starting PEAK to ensure timely delivery of the free Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL) that goes

Year-Round PEAK Teacher Resources

Give this Superhero a Job!



Bulbman, our energy saving Superhero, is always available to come out to your school for an Energy Rally, PEAK kick-off event, or lunch-time visit. His enthusiasm for learning about energy is contagious! Contact your PEAK Project Manager to reserve your very own visit from a true Superhero!

- **Site visits from PEAK staff.** We can help you teach/troubleshoot PEAK labs or give a presentation on basic PEAK concepts.

- **Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb Fundraisers.** PEAK staff will train your students on the benefits of



these energy-saving bulbs. We call it a win-win-win situation: students retain what they are learning in the classroom by passing this information on to other community members, your community is purchasing a product that will save them money, and 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, at a School Board function, or City Council meeting.

- **The Teacher's Corner feature on www.peakstudents.net.** We all know the PEAK students' website features interactive games and activities centered on energy but did you know that there is a special section just for you? The [Teacher's Corner](#) features information on special contests and grants, as well as all your PEAK curriculum pages and special visual teaching aids. Materials are available in both English and Spanish. *Password: Bulbman*

- **Assessment and coordination services.** 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 you organize your energy-saving/efficiency focused school projects!

- **Saving Energy @ School Grants.** Are you a PEAK teacher or administrator in the San Francisco Bay Area or Northern Illinois? Please contact us to see how you can take advantage of grants for energy efficiency measures on campus.

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

Introducing the 2007 Edition of the PEAK Teacher Resource Guidebook

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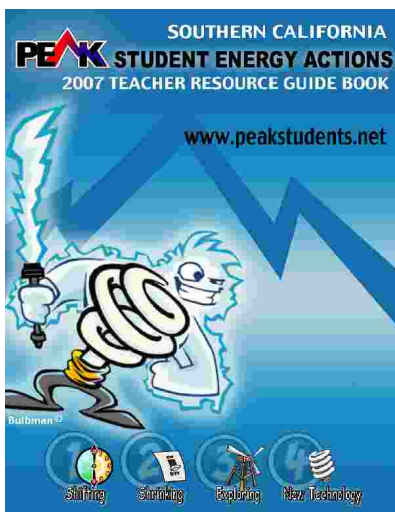
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One of the features of the updated PEAK Teacher Resource Guidebook is the **Home Energy Action Plan**; a comprehensive, longer-term project which combines students' investigative activities from various units into an actionable plan through which PEAK students and families can save money and the environment:

Home Energy Action Plan
Activity #1: Energy Savings Log

(Unit 2)

Activity #2: Appliance Survey (Unit 4)

Activity #3: Lightbulb Survey (Unit 6)

Activity #4: Put your Home Energy Action Plan together! (Unit 7)

Activity #5: Add Natural Gas usage to your plan! (Unit 8)

As always, at the end of every unit you will find an action prompt such as: "**Homework**", "**School Energy Patrol**", and/or "**Community as Classroom**" to engage students, often outside the classroom, to take a more active part in their learning.

Teachers Mark Your Calendars!

ENERGY APPRECIATION DAY:

October, 25

INTERNATIONAL PEAK WEEK:

May (dates TBD)



In a bi-annual effort to unite the global PEAK community, PEAK students in California, Illinois, and Sweden take part in simultaneous activities centered on sustainable energy management. Participation in **Energy Appreciation Day** and **International PEAK Week** encourages students to continue their efforts to save energy as well as provides classrooms a chance to review energy-related concepts that have been learned throughout the school year.

As usual, you can expect to be contacted by PEAK staff prior to these events with special materials and lessons to implement in your classroom. Participation helps to further your students' understanding of the science of energy, why it is important to join the global effort to use our resources wisely, and action steps they can take to be part of the solution.

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