



WHAT'S NEW FOR GREEN SCHOOLS?

Kansas Green Schools Conference, July 29, 2011

ON THE NATIONAL FRONT

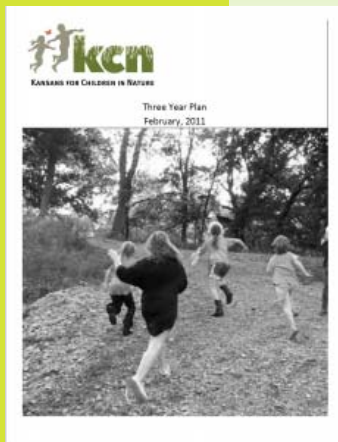
JULY 14, 2011

- ◎ **No Child Left Inside Act 2011** Introduced to Congress
- ◎ Act promotes environmental literacy through:
 - ◎ Approved Environmental Literacy Plans
 - ◎ Pass Through Funding for Implementation Projects
 - ◎ Funding for EE Professional Development
 - ◎ Funding for capacity building for EE in the state

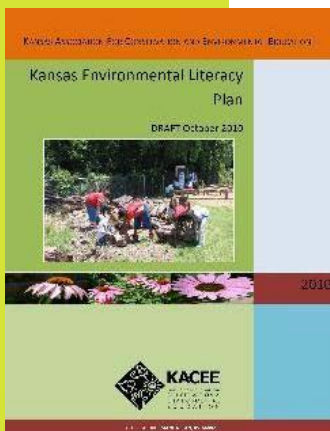




IN KANSAS...



- ③ Formed Kansans for Children in Nature through executive order from the Governor in 2009
- ③ Broad-based coalition formulated plan
- ③ Includes the Environmental Literacy Plan for Kansas
- ③ Approved by the Kansas State Board of Education in April of 2011.



More information at www.kacee.org

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUNDING FROM EPA



- ◎ EPA established the Office of Environmental Education under the National Environmental Education Act of 1990
- ◎ Provide grants for environmental education annually
- ◎ Kansas developed our Environmental Literacy Plan with a US EPA EE Grant
- ◎ Same week as NCLI was introduced, House proposed to eliminate all funding for the NEEA (\$9M)

ON THE HOME FRONT...

- ◎ Kansas Green Schools of Excellence!
- ◎ Recognition for Schools at three levels
- ◎ Steps for Recognition:
 - ◎ Form a KGS Green Team
 - ◎ Investigate
 - ◎ Develop an Action Plan
 - ◎ Communicate and Celebrate



www.kansasgreenschools.org

KGS OF EXCELLENCE INVESTIGATIONS

- ① Energy Efficiency
- ① Waste and Recycling
- ① Water Quality and Conservation
- ① Healthy School Environments
- ① The Learning Community: outdoor learning, schoolyard habitat, natural areas, nature play areas, outdoor classrooms, schools gardens and community and global connections (service learning, community learning, engaging community, community as a classroom (zoos, nature centers, etc.) and community partnerships)



KANSAS SCHOOL GARDENS



- ③ New addition to the Kansas Green Schools Program
- ③ Supported through a Kansas Department of Agriculture/USDA Grant
- ③ Curriculum and resource materials for establishing a school garden
- ③ Workshops coming in the Fall
- ③ Online Discussion Forum

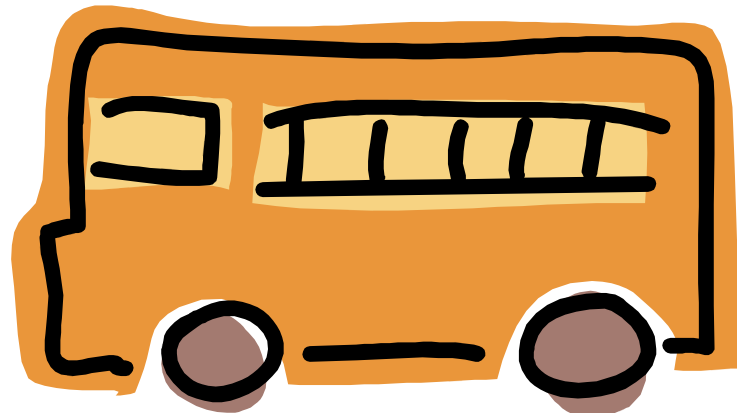
ANNOUNCING...

- ① Westar Energy Clean Diesel Retrofit Grants
- ① Grants of \$20K to \$250K for school districts
- ① Purchase and install diesel retrofits that help school buses run cleaner and more efficiently
- ① Incorporates environmental education about air quality
- ① Must be a Kansas Green School to qualify!



TO APPLY...

- ⊙ Details soon at www.kansasgreenschools.org
- ⊙ Initial applications due February 15, 2012
- ⊙ Installation in Summer of 2012



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- ◎ Laura Downey
- ◎ 785-532-3322
- ◎ ldowney@kacee.org



KACEE

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR
CONSERVATION &
ENVIRONMENTAL
E D U C A T I O N