

Kansas Green Schools Update #3 (2010-11)



The goal of the Kansas Green Schools Program is to provide opportunities for preK-12 schools to increase awareness and understanding of the complex environmental interrelationships that impact public health and the environment, and promote environmental stewardship practices that relate to air quality, climate change, solid waste reduction and recycling, water management, and outdoor wildlife habitat.



Love Green, Live Green, Think Green!



Kansas Green Schools Waste Management Grant Applications Now Being Accepted!



Has your school been thinking about starting a recycling or composting program? Does your existing program need new or larger bins? Are your students just dying to start a worm composting project? Would you like to take your class to visit a landfill or recycling center? These are just a few of the projects eligible for funding under the Green Schools Waste Management Grant. Applications are being accepted online through 15 February 2011 at www.kansasgreenschools.org. Schools are eligible for up to \$4,500 in grant funding for 2011-12 school year projects.

Kansas School Gardens Initiative

KACEE has received a grant from the Kansas Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance, website resources, and event coordination for a Kansas School Gardens Summit. If your school currently has a garden or is interested in starting one, we'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail Ashlyn Kite-Hartwich at akite@kacee.org and tell her about your garden plans, successes and challenges!



Kansans for Children in Nature Draft Plan

On April 13, 2009, Governor Kathleen Sebelius issued an Executive Order creating the Kansans for Children in Nature (KCN). The KCN was created to foster Kansas youth's appreciation, understanding and involvement with the outdoors.

"Kansas is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty and this coalition will work to make sure Kansas children

experience all that our state has to offer," Sebelius said.

"Environmental education is the first step toward helping our children learn to protect and preserve our planet."



Mission Statement

The Kansans for Children in Nature (KCN) will promote outdoor learning experiences and environmental education for the young people of Kansas and provide ongoing support for these endeavors.

KCN invites you to review and comment on the KCN Draft Plan. Comments are due no later than Monday, 7 February. We'd love to have endorsements from your school/school board for the Plan. To download the plan, visit <http://kcn.ksoutdoors.org/kcn/KCN-Plan>. To add your comments, click on the link toward the bottom of the page.

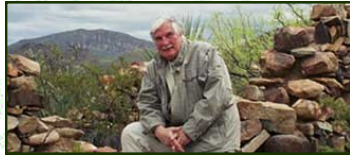
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****KACEE does not necessarily recommend or endorse items and programs on the below items****

Nominate a Middle School Teacher for the Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award!

The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award is given annually to an outstanding middle or high school teacher who successfully integrates environmental education into their curriculum and engages students in interdisciplinary solutions to environmental challenges. The award recognizes an educator who can serve as an inspiration and model for others.



The 2011 Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award will go to a *middle school teacher*, which includes grades 5-8. The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award winner will receive \$5,000 and two merit winners will receive \$750 each. Nominations for the Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Award are due **March 14, 2011**. Go to <http://www.neefusa.org/bartlettaward.htm> for information.

Conserve and Protect Monarch Habitats by Creating a Monarch Waystation

Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Schools can help by creating "Monarch Waystations," habitats that can be as simple as planting a few milkweeds and nectar sources. To learn more, go to www.MonarchWatch.org.



HAVE NEWS OR PHOTOS TO SHARE?
 Send them to Shari L. Wilson at
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John Hardy's Green School Dream

John Hardy is a jewelry designer who co-founded the extraordinary Green School in Bali, where kids get a holistic and green education. To learn more about this extraordinary school, go to http://www.ted.com/talks/john_hardy_my_green_school_dream.html.



CALENDAR

- 15 February** Kansas Green Schools Waste Management Grant Applications Due
- 4-5 March** Environmental Education in Your Classroom: Plug it In! workshop in Hays. Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information
- 1 April** Kansas Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education Awards Celebration, Heritage Hall, Topeka
- 29-30 April** Discover a Watershed Educator Workshop & Floating Field Experience workshop in DeSoto. Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 1-2 June** Energize Your Students with Environmental Education! workshop in Paola. Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 14-15 June** Watershed and Natural Resource Education in Your Classroom & Community workshop in Washington. Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 28 July** Green Schools Pre-Conference Workshop, Goddard High School
- 29 July** 3rd Annual Kansas Green Schools Conference, Goddard High School
- 3 November** Kansas EE Conference Workshop, Great Bend
- 4-5 November** Kansas Environmental Education Workshop, Highland Hotel, Great Bend