

Kansas Green Schools Update #6 (2009-10)



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.

April is Earth Month.

Get your students outside and celebrate Spring!

2010 Kansas Green Schools Conference

Online registration is now available for the second Kansas Green Schools Conference, which will take place on Friday, 30 July, at Clifton-Clyde High School. The conference will feature Kansas experts on Green Schools projects and curriculum, our teachers and students! Also featured is keynoter Kathy McGlaulin, national director of Project Learning Tree, an environmental education curriculum with a new module, *Green Schools!* Come a day early and join us for the pre-conference workshop, "**Discover Building Blocks for Your Green School!**". Teachers attending both the workshop and conference may receive 1 graduate credit. **Registration fees for the conference are \$15 before 31 May, \$20 after that date.** To register online or download the registration form, visit www.kansasgreenschools.org.

Pre-Conference Info: Enhance your classroom curriculum from the ground up using Green Schools projects that will excite your district, faculty, and students. This workshop will connect your projects to environmental education themes and activities that you can use to engage your learners in hands on multi-disciplinary education. Participants will receive curriculum & activity guides for Project WET, Project Learning Tree, and Project WILD - including hundreds of activities and ideas to incorporate into green schools projects of all kinds. The cost of the Pre-Conference workshop is \$50 and includes lunch and materials.

If you have questions about the conference, contact Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org. For questions about the workshop, contact Jolene Amtower at jamtower@kacee.org.

2010 Kansas Green Schools of the Year Awards



Centre Elementary School
Lost Springs USD 397

Clifton-Clyde High School
USD 224



Goddard High School
USD 265

Map of Kansas Green Schools on the NEW Green Schools Website!

(www.kansasgreenschools.org)



One of the features of the new Kansas Green Schools website is a Google map showing the location of all schools on the Kansas Green Schools Network. Check it out and find your school!

Battery Recycling Contest



Enter your school in the Long Haul Battery Recycling Contest! Go to www.kansasgreenschools.org for details. Participating is easy and prizes will be awarded to the top three schools. Demonstrate your Kansas Green School spirit by entering this competition to collect rechargeable batteries and cell phones. This is a friendly challenge between Kansas Green Schools registered in the Kansas Green Schools Network.



HAVE NEWS OR PHOTOS TO SHARE?

Send them to Shari L. Wilson at
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*****KACEE does not necessarily recommend or endorse items and programs on the below items*****

Nature Conservancy Atlas of Global Conservation



On Earth Day, the Nature Conservancy and University of California Press will publish a new atlas charting a visual account of how different ecological regions of the world are faring. More than 100 detailed maps depict a wide array of ecosystems, plants, and animals from around the world. For more information, go to <http://www.nature.org/tncscience/maps/>.

U.S. Green Schools Foundation

Clifton-Clyde Superintendent Brian Pekarek sent this website as a useful resource for teachers: <http://www.usgreenschools.org/educators.html>. Useful definitions of sustainability and green building lesson plans.



Family Fun Crafts

KACEE Office Manager Jolene Amtower ran across this website chock-full of crafts to make from recycled materials: <http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/crafts-by-material/recyclable-projects/>. There's something here for everyone!



2010 Trash to Treasure Competition

Turn your trash into treasure and be on TV! Recycle, reuse, and re-engineer everyday materials into an out-of-the-box invention. For more information, visit <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html>

Lego Children's Grants Deadline: May 1

These grants are awarded to organizations with collaborative programs involving early childhood education and development, technology, and communication projects that advance learning opportunities or athletic programs focusing underserved youth. Local and national communities, organizations, and groups catering to children from birth through age 14 may apply for up to \$5,000. Visit www.legochildrensfund.org for more information.

American Honda Foundation Grants Deadline: May 1

The American Honda Foundation (<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>) awards grants of up to \$100,000 to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and others for programs benefiting youth and scientific education- the physical and life sciences, mathematics, and the environmental sciences. Programs characterized as scientific, imaginative, creative, humanistic, youthful, innovative, and forward thinking will receive preference.

Dollar General's Back-to-School Grants Deadline: May 22

K-12 schools can obtain grants of up to \$5,000 to implement new programs or purchase new equipment, materials, or software for their school library or literacy program from Dollar General's Literacy Grant Program (http://www.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx)

CALENDAR

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| 26 April | National Healthy Schools Day
www.nationalhealthyschoolsday.org |
| 7 & 8 May | Discover Your Watershed Workshop in Coyville. For more information, visit http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule |
| 29 July | Kansas Green Schools Pre-Conference Workshop in Clyde. For more information, visit http://www.kansasgreenschools.org/ |
| 30 July | Kansas Green Schools Conference in Clyde. For more information, visit http://www.kansasgreenschools.org/ |

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