

# EE Connections

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## K-12 News

### 'Wind for Schools' Project Application Due March 1



The Pennsylvania "Wind for Schools" Project provides educational support to K-12 schools interested in learning about wind energy in the classroom. The program works with selected schools to install a small wind turbine; Pennsylvania State University students and faculty act as consultants in the assessment, design and integration of the wind systems. Teacher training and hands-on curricula are provided. Applications are due March 1.

For more information: <u>Pennsylvania Wind for Schools</u>

#### Feb. 18 Deadline for Creative Energy Challenge



K-12 educators are invited to participate in the "Igniting Creative Energy Challenge," a joint project of the National Energy Foundation and Johnson Controls Inc. This educational competition encourages students to learn about energy conservation and the environment. Students may express their ideas in the form of documented science projects, essays, stories, artwork, photographs, music, video or website projects. Grand prize is a trip to Washington DC, to participate in the National Energy Efficiency Forum in June.

For more information: Igniting Creative Energy Nat'l Student Challenge

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#### **NEEF Offers Cash for Winners of Green School Contest**

National Environmental Education Foundation

The National Environmental Education Foundation will recognize three K-12 public schools that have successfully become green schools as part of the Green Prize in Public Education program. One school that has "most successfully implemented an innovative, sustainable school wide greening effort" will receive \$10,000. Two merit awards of \$5,000 each will also be given to schools that demonstrate "greening success." Applications are due Feb. 15.

For more information: <u>NEEF - Green Prize in Public Education</u>

#### Lehigh Environmental Initiative Releases ELI Curricula



Sponsored by the Lehigh Environmental Initiative, the Environmental Literacy and Inquiry Website has released two new middle school curricular units that are aligned to national science and environmental education standards. The Energy unit uses GIS, Google Earth and inquiry-based lab activities to investigate energy sources, production and consumption. The Land Use Change unit investigates modern day land use issues and land use over time.

For more information: ELI Middle School Curricula

Looking for more news?
Check out K-12 EE News on our website.

#### K-12 Events

Many more events are taking place this month that may be of interest to you. Here are just a few:

Owl Pellet Investigation, Nescopeck State Park - Feb. 13 (Drums)

Take a Wild Tour of Nature, Nockamixon State Park – Feb. 23 (Quakertown)

Attracting and Monitoring Bluebirds, McKeever - Feb. 26 (Sandy Lake)

Check out these and other events located on PCEE's Events Calendar.

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