

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM NEWS SPRING 2015

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Energy Savings Update



This has been an outstanding year for energy conservation! Between the start of school and January, PAUSD has saved about \$350,000 in electricity, natural gas, and water consumption. And that's only the first half of the school year! This combined utility reduction is the equivalent of removing 188 cars from the road for a year, or the carbon sequestered over ten years by 23,173 trees. Bravo, PAUSD!

Energy Trophies



The Energy Saver trophies, awarded annually to the two sites that have saved the most energy, have enjoyed a year at Nixon and JLS, and

one of them is on the way to a new home. The other will enjoy a second round at its current site.

...and the winners are...

Duveneck and JLS!

Duveneck has reduced its energy use by 14% in the last year, generating a savings of over \$13,000 and JLS has reduced its consumption by 20%, generating a savings of \$102,000. Congratulations to both site recipients!

Gunn Tree Tour



Gunn High School has an amazing online tree tour! Carole Langston, of the Gunn library, will walk you through all twenty-two separate species of trees present on the Gunn campus in this incredibly comprehensive online tour. Each stop on the tour includes history, species information, and carbon sequestration information, of course!

Check it out: [Gunn Tree Tour](#)

Drought Update



Everyone has become increasingly concerned about the state of the water crisis in California. PAUSD is working closely with the City of Palo Alto, our primary municipal water provider, to meet the 25% mandatory cutback the Governor ordered at the beginning of April. The good news is that PAUSD has already reduced its combined domestic and irrigation water use by 10% in the past year, so we are well on our way to meeting the Governor's order. The measures PAUSD has already taken to reduce water consumption include switching from standard to low-flow aerators on all hand washing sinks and converting decorative turf areas to native plant spaces. You can do your part by keeping an eye out for leaks, drips, and other wasteful water issues or practices. Report these to your site administrators!

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Faces of Energy Conservation

Let's take a moment to recognize and appreciate a few of the most dedicated energy savers in PAUSD!

Rusty Tooley, Barron Park Elementary School Librarian



Rusty epitomizes the perfect shutdown every single break. His library is always perfectly prepared to save energy when school is not in session. His attention to detail and his excellent communication skills are two of the assets that make him stand out as a model energy saver in PAUSD.

Shelley Ganschow, Addison Elementary School Teacher



In addition to working as a teacher at Addison, Shelley is running a robust, student-centered Green Team at her school site. Shelley is working with students, parents, and staff on energy conservation as well as other sustainability issues.

William Zhou, Project Enybody Founder



William is a student at Paly and the founder of Project Enybody, a City of Palo Alto sponsored leadership board composed of Gunn and Palo Alto High school students. Enybody stands for Earth Needs You and encompasses the idea that anybody can make a difference. From speaker events to "greenifying" businesses, the team focuses on hosting events and doing projects to raise awareness of and address issues of climate change in the community.

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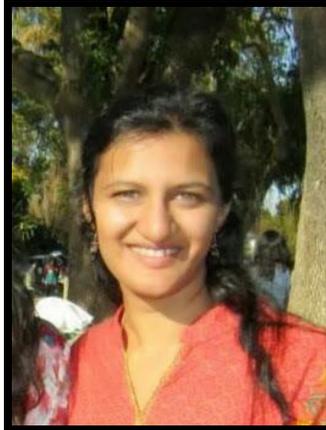
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Grant Althouse, Fairmeadow Elementary School Principal



Grant does a great job of communicating energy conservation related issues and priorities out to his staff. He is engaged around energy conservation and leads his site with this in mind. Fairmeadow is consistently well-prepared to save energy during every holiday and break. It is clear that Fairmeadow staff “models the way” with energy conservation.

Rani Jayakumar, Ohlone Elementary School Parent



Rani is working hard at Ohlone to bring new life to the site’s Green Team. She is working in conjunction with staff, students, and administration to look for ways to meaningfully engage the Ohlone community around issues of conservation and sustainability. Rani’s children are still young, so we can look forward to many years of collaboration with this amazing PAUSD parent!

Sergio Navarro, JLS Day Custodian



When it comes to saving energy, Sergio has one of the toughest jobs in town – being married to the Energy Specialist! In seriousness, his attention to detail and his enthusiasm for looking to find ways to save energy at JLS contribute directly to the site’s consistently impressive energy conservation achievements.

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