

Panasonic Student Eco Citizenship Project

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A Month of Thanks

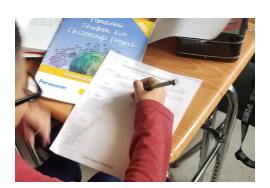
We are so thankful for the hard work you and your students will be doing to improve the environment!

Getting Ready

Welcome boxes are currently being assembled and will be mailed as soon as possible. As you prepare to receive your project materials, you can always visit the website to get started with the lesson plans. The student guide and teacher workbook are available to download at http://www.foundationfor impactliteracyandlearning.org/ program-overview/.

You can begin the research process by completing Lesson 1 with students. This will give you a head start on completing your projects this year!

REMEMBER: This year, each teacher will only be submitting their TOP 3 student team Eco Picture Diaries!



Project Ideas-Air Quality

Students will be selecting an environmental issue and generating an Eco Project goal they can carry out for their project. One environmental issue that students may want to address is air quality. Some Eco Project Goals to consider:

- Replace light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs at home or at school
- Commit as a team to carpool, bike or walk to school for one month
- Work with the school to purchase and use environmentally friendly cleaning supplies
- Collect leaves and yard waste in the local community to compost or mulch
- Research plants that improve air quality and use them to create a garden at the school

As students work to develop their Eco Project goals, encourage them to think outside the box. The best projects will be ones that show students working actively and creatively to improve the environment around them.

Featured November Teacher

Jennifer Barry is a 5th grade science teacher at Eleanor Van Gelder School in the Edgewater School District. She decided to participate in the Panasonic Eco Citizenship Project to expose her students to community service activities and to help them claim responsibility for their Earth. To teachers participating for the first time she has this advice – "This is a wonderful chance for the students to work together and to challenge themselves, but don't aim for perfection. They will get something out of this project. It will vary by student and group, of course, but it is such a worthwhile undertaking!' Jennifer has been teaching for 23 years and enjoys pursuing creative activities like photography outside the classroom.

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