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We Want to Hear From You!



This summer, in an effort to provide meaningful and timely programs and services, the Oregon Green Schools Board is asking you, the OGS community how we can better meet your needs. Please help us help you implement Oregon Green Schools in your area.

Thus far we have heard primarily from elementary school teachers and teachers located in the Willamette Valley. The survey will remain open through July. We would like to hear from you.

Please take a moment to complete our brief online survey.

Green School News July 2012

Dear Cathy,

Summer may be the quiet time for Green Schools, but the OGSA board is still working hard to support your efforts and to create next year's program. We need your feedback (see survey link at left)! And we appreciate any resource information and/or links that you send our way. And look for a new website design by Fall.

School Spotlight

Oak Creek is our newest Premier (their garden is featured above). In their own words: "Oak Creek is proud to be a sustainability leader in the Lake Oswego School District. Since our school got certified as a Green School in 2008, all the schools have joined the certification process, so we are a Green School District! We take pride at Oak Creek for involving all of our students and staff in the 3 R's of sustainability - Reduce, Reuse and Recycling."

"We have developed systems that start in the classrooms with students being in charge of their own recycling. Each classroom has a sustainability student job that is in charge of the energy reduction by turning off the lights/ computers, water conservation by being sure the faucets are not dripping and the paper/plastic recycling. These same themes are used at our building level Green Team meetings where staff and parents plan for continued training and new green projects."

You can see their full Premier page online at:
http://www.oregongreenschools.org/prem_oakcreek.cfm

School Resources

Student-Created Ecology Rap Video

The link for schools is [here](#).

And the link for our regional coordinators is [here](#).

If you are looking for ideas for media presentations, check out this You Tube video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49KNwyaoxFg>) of the students of Platte River Elementary in Honor, Michigan, rapping about their Green program. They are obviously proud and excited - maybe your students would have fun with something similar.

The World's Forest 2 edition is now available in hard copy! In this edition of the Natural Inquirer, you will learn about the world's forests. Every 5 years the Food and Agriculture Organization, or FAO, publishes a report about the world's forests. The journal was written from the Global Forest Resources Assessment. It contains information about forests in 233 countries and territories. All together, these forests are the world's forests. No matter where these forests are located, they provide benefits for people and wildlife across the entire planet. Read this edition to find out more!

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Meet the Oregon Green School Board

Each month we will feature a new board member and eventually we will also begin featuring regional coordinators.



Greetings, Oregon Green Schools Community! My name is Heath Keirstead and I am currently co-chairing the OGS board with Bailey Payne.

I previously served as treasurer for OGS. I have been on the board since the fall of 2007, when I was recruited by former board member Julie Jackson, whom I met when I became a Master Recycler. I work for Benton Soil & Water Conservation District in Corvallis, where I run our K-12 education program and coordinate our invasive species program.

Being on the board of OGS has been a wonderful opportunity for me to meet folks from all across the state who are passionate about conserving resources. I'm continually amazed by the projects that member Oregon Green Schools take on and the wonderful conservation practices that you all achieve. We are always looking for ways that OGS can better assist you in serving your Green School. Please call or email us with suggestions, or feel free to attend one of our monthly board meetings, held from 10 am to noon on the third Thursday of every month. Contact us to find out each month's meeting location. I can be reached at 541-753-7208 or hkeirstead@bentonswcd.org.

Have a Great Summer!

Oregon Green Schools is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 1997. Oregon Green Schools is dedicated to helping Oregon Schools set up and maintain effective, permanent waste reduction and resource efficiency programs that improve school environments and communities, and recognizing schools for their efforts and achievements.

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