



Aurora Public Schools

APS Honors “Green Stars”

APS recently recognized 22 schools and sites with Green Star awards for their commitment to energy conservation and education.

The APS Green Stars Program is an energy management program for schools and other APS sites. The program provides an opportunity for schools to earn recognition and cash awards, as well as to instill in their students lifelong lessons in conservation, leadership and accountability. Schools spend their cash awards on items to enhance student achievement.

Each of the 22 sites reached or exceeded an electricity reduction goal of at least 10 percent, as measured from November 2010 through April 2011, compared with an average of the three prior years. The participating sites achieved a total savings of more than \$200,000 over this 6-month period. A total of 50 APS sites decreased overall electricity consumption for the year, resulting in a savings of more than \$525,000.

By creating a culture of conservation, APS has reduced electrical consumption by more than 15 percent over the past three years. Since 2007, APS has also earned more than \$750,000 in rebates as part of Xcel Energy’s business incentive program. APS earned the incentives by installing high efficiency heating, air conditioning and lighting systems in its schools. The school district expects \$250,000 in Xcel rebates for the 2011-12 school year.

To view a list of the Green Stars award winners, visit aurorak12.org/2011/10/06/green-stars-2011/.



Vaughn Elementary 5th grade students display their Green Stars award.

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