

YES! Update 1.15.2016

Announcements

* **We are proud to announce the following winners for the McKnight Project Funding!**: Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City, Cherry School, Glencoe-Silver Lake, Minnesota New Country School, New London-Spicer, Springfield, and Westbrook-Walnut Grove. Each team won $1,000! Keep an eye out on the [YES! Blog](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/news/blog/) to read about their exciting projects!
* **Be sure to use all of the many resources compiled for you on** [‘Coaches Corner’](http://www.youthenergysummit.org/resources-2/yes-coaches-corner/). If you are looking for something about YES!, it is probably there! The password for the site: yes2015
* **What can you do about Climate Change?** How many times have you been told to “save water?” It’s because it’s so important. Even in water-rich Minnesota, we need to conserve water. Running your dishwasher only with a full load can save 100 pounds of carbon dioxide and $40 per year. Be smart when irrigating your lawn or landscape. Only water when needed, and do it during the coolest part of the day; early morning is best.

Grants and Opportunities

* Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student video contest can help you bring technology and creativity into your middle and high school classes. The contest challenges your students to create a short (60 seconds or less) video illustrating the connection between world population growth and one of three global challenges dealing with either Deforestation, Public Health, or Water Scarcity. Students can win up to $1,000 and their teachers will receive free curriculum resources. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found at [www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest](file:///C:\Users\Katelyn\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\AYX879GY\www.worldof7billion.org\student-video-contest)
* **2016 Schoolyard Gardens Conference Friday, March 4, 2016:**
  + An Ecosystem of Learning, Sharing Common Ground at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
  + Friday, March 4, 2016 8:30 a.m-4:00 p.m.
  + Schoolyard gardens provide an incomparable, hands-on opportunity for students to meet academic standards, engage with community partners, learn about agriculture, healthy eating and connect with natural systems. Whether you are a beginner or schoolyard garden veteran, join us in March to learn innovative strategies, sustaining and engaging everyone in a thriving schoolyard garden.
  + Keynote speaker: Betti Wiggins, Executive Director, Office of School Nutrition, for Detroit Public Schools. In 2011, under her leadership, the Detroit School Garden Collaborative (DSGC) was established which currently supports 78 school-based gardens and a 4.5 acre school farm.
  + Learn more and register at:  
    <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/schoolyards2016.aspx>
* **Prairie Wetland Learning Center Workshops**
  + The Prairie Wetland Learning Center has announced their 2016 Workshops for educators and the general public. For a complete list go to:  
    <http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/2015%20events,%201%20column.pdf>

Coach Tips

* **Have you visited your local service organizations? Lions Club, Shriners, SERTOMA, Rotary, ELKs club, etc.!** They love to hear what cool things young people are up to and often have funds to help support your projects!