



YES! Update 11.5.2018

## Program Announcements

- Ali Dahmes (YES! West-Central Coordinator) had a beautiful baby girl named Rosella Ray on October 26<sup>th</sup> ~Shelli-Kae Foster
- Congratulations to the McKnight sponsored [Project Seed Funding award winners!](#)
- New teams- Please have all students complete the [Pre-Assessment Survey](#)

## Regional Highlights

**Laurentian Environmental Center** – NLCS has officially secured funding for their Hydration Station and will be implementing it soon. We are looking forward to seeing how many plastic bottles will be conserved. ~Sam Horner

**Ney Nature Center** – New Prague were awarded the McKnight Grant for doing an energy audit for the school, designing solar panel cell phone chargers, and building wind turbine kits. Sleepy Eye was awarded support for building 8 bee houses that will be put in their pollinator garden and prairie restoration projects they have done in previous years. ~Sophie Bishop

**Prairie Woods ELC** – NL-S Middle School and ROCORI YES! Teams were awarded the McKnight Grant! NL-S Middle will use the award to install LED lighting in their school's gym entrance. ROCORI will use funds from the McKnight Foundation as well as Waste Management for another Hydration Station Installation. ~Taylor Templer

**Metro** – Welcome Minnetonka High School to the YES! program! The Forest Lake High School is off to a great start in planning their projects for this year. ~Tom

## Grants and Other Opportunities

**Due 11.12.18** - *Energy Education at the Local Level Grant Program*. Awarding grants of up to \$5,000 to carry out energy education initiatives. It is available to qualified applicants, either individuals or partnerships, who are educators (pre-K through grade 12) at schools, youth groups, educational programs, nonprofits, or other civic organizations. Find out more and apply [here](#).

**Due 11.15.18** - *Climate Generation's Youth Convening Minnesota Project* is a leadership opportunity for high school youth to learn about climate change and gain the skills needed to convene their community on climate change and inspire solutions. We are looking for a YES! Team that is interested in working with us this year to put on a public event in your own community to engage people in solutions to climate change! Contact [kira@climategen.org](mailto:kira@climategen.org) for more information.

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