



YES! Update 12.17.2018

Program Announcements

- YES! is excited to announce Round #2 of the McKnight project seed funds:
 - Carlton YES! team – motion sensor and LED retrofit pilot project
 - Glencoe Silver Lake YES! team – SuperMileage design & construction
 - New London-Spicer YES! team – LED parking lot retrofit
 - New Prague YES! team – Agriscaping and education on soil health and its impact on Climate Change
 - Yellow Medicine East YES! team – Hydration station
- A special thanks to the McKnight Foundation for making these funds available! ~Shelli-Kae Foster
- **New teams-** Please have all students complete the [Pre-Assessment Survey](#)
 - **YES! long sleeve shirts** are available in white or beige, sizes S-XL, for **\$5.00!** Contact your coordinators to order!

Regional Highlights

Laurentian Environmental Center –The Carlton High School team is looking to green up their cafeteria. They want to replace their old light bulbs with LED bulbs, and they want to replace their plastic utensils with reusable silverware. ~Sam Horner

Ney Nature Center –The New Prague YES! team has set up an Instagram account in which they post pictures of what their team is doing and “Water Wednesday Facts.” What a great way to get their team out into the community and spread knowledge of water quality. Look them up at @npgreenteam. ~Sophie Bishop

Prairie Woods ELC – The Glencoe Silver Lake YES! team will be participating in the SuperMileage program again this year, which involves the students working together to create a plan for the vehicle, order parts that fit their budget, and build the vehicle. Once their vehicle is done, they will travel to Brainerd International Raceway where they will compete against other students from around the state. This program teaches students about maximizing gas engine efficiency and reducing emissions. ~Taylor Templer

Metro –The Minnetonka YES! team presented optional site locations on the school grounds for construction of their Solar Green House project to the Principal of the High School. The team has also developed a high level design and construction schedule for the project. The Forest Lake YES! team discussed their application with the Building and Grounds director to review their Green Ribbon Schools application and reviewed the B3 Benchmarking program features to assist in preparing their application. ~Tom McDougall

Tips/Resources from Climate Generation

Climate Change in MN: 23 Signs- The state's climate has changed in recent decades. Click [here](#) to see what some of the signs of climate change are here in Minnesota.

Grants and Other Opportunities

On 3.30.19 - Youth in Educational Leadership Summit (YELS) will be held on March 30th at Patrick Henry High School for an exciting day full of trainings and workshops designed and facilitated by students across Minnesota grades 8 – 12. For more information visit [The Minnesota Youth Council](#) or click [here](#) to register.

Due 1.11.19 - The Green Ribbon Schools Award from the U.S. Department of Education honors schools, districts and higher education institutions that save energy and reduce operating costs, create environmentally friendly learning spaces, promote student health, and incorporate environmental sustainability into the curriculum. Find the application [here](#).

