

# **MAY UPDATE**

I-Save is a voluntary program developed by Wayne-Westland Community Schools as an internal energy conservation program that helps our district reduce our impact on the planet, educate our students about conservation, and redirect utility dollars back into the classroom. The program was launched in August of 2008 and has been offered to all District buildings.



## **World Ocean Day is June 8th**

For those of you studying ecosystems with your classes, or simply interested in conservation efforts underway across the globe, check out <http://www.theoceanproject.org>. This is a project started by aquariums in North America to raise awareness for the oceans as an ecosystem and provides information on how to protect our oceans.

## **Lots of Plastic Bottles!**

In honor of Earth Day, the City of Wayne, Republic Waste, and WWCS Operations had a competition where Hoover, Vandenberg, Roosevelt, & Taft collected clear plastic bottles for recycling during the month of April. Together, the 4 Wayne elementaries collected 19,669 bottles-enough to fill an entire construction dumpster! Hoover Elementary collected the most bottles per student with a total of 6,338 bottles for the building. Republic Waste has graciously donated a recycled plastic bench to Hoover in honor of their achievement. Congratulations to all the Wayne elementaries for their hard work!



## **Your Idea...Worth \$20,000?**

National Geographic is helping to sponsor a competition to solicit green ideas...and is offering some serious cash to help them get off the ground. Enter your idea, before June 8th, at: <http://greeneffect.nationalgeographic.com/>

## **Theory AND Practice**

According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Walmart is one of the largest users of day lighting in the world! Next time you visit your local Walmart, look up and you'll likely find that most of the store's lights are off. For more information of some of the amazing things that are happening in the world of renewable energy, including solar and hydrogen powered model cars, check out: <http://www.nrel.gov/features>.

## **Getting Closer...**

Kudos are due to all district buildings: for the first 10 months of the I-Save program, the district-wide energy consumption is down 12 percent! A special congratulations to the staff at the following buildings for reducing the *electric* consumption by over 9% for the year to date at their building:

Dyer	Lincoln
Edison	Marshall
Ford	Schweitzer
Franklin	Stevenson
Graham	Taft
Hicks	Walker
Hoover	Wayne Memorial
John Glenn	

## **Still Looking for Ideas?**

One of the easiest ways to conserve at home is to insulate the hot water pipes coming from the water heater. This is especially easy if your home has a basement where hot water pipes are exposed. For more tips, visit:

<http://www.energy.gov/energysavingtips.htm>

Did you know that cooking with the microwave uses two-thirds less energy than the stove? You can find a variety of no-cost energy saving tips like this at:

[www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/summer.html](http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/summer.html)