



OCTOBER 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 and has been offered to all district buildings.

Video & Poster Contest: Deadline Extended!

For those buildings that are planning on participating in the video or poster contest, [the deadline has been extended until 4 pm on Monday, November 3rd.](#) All entries must be received at the Building & Grounds Department by this time.

Still Searching for a Title?

Keep those creative juices flowing! Here's a sampling of the coveted point person titles that WWCS staff have come up with:

- ▶ Inspector I-Save (Dyer-Business Office)
- ▶ Green Queen (Marshall)
- ▶ Captain Conservation (Stevenson)
- ▶ Nicky Neutron (B&G)

Tricks & Tips

Computers in a lab at one WWCS middle school were pre-programmed to turn on daily 30 minutes before school started. Those computers have since been re-programmed to turn on 5 minutes before the start of school. This will save over 112 kilowatt hours this school year!

Questions on I-Save?

If you still have questions on the I-Save program and what you can do to help, please contact the District's energy manager at thorntonn@wwcs.k12.mi.us

Are We There Yet?

The district-wide electrical consumption reduction this summer (July & August) was 12%. This keeps buildings in reach of hitting the I-Save goal during the rest of the year.

Buildings Sign Up for I-Save

All 29 buildings have made a commitment to work toward energy conservation as part of the I-Save program. The Operations Department will be out this month to take pictures of the I-Save bulletin boards at every building...Is your building ready?

Light Bulb Recycling

Wondering where or how to recycle those compact fluorescent bulbs? Many retailers now accept CFLs for recycling including The Home Depot & IKEA. Want more info on recycling a particular product where you live? Try visiting www.earth911.org

Awesome Ideas

WWCS staff has come up with some great ideas including:

- ▶ Enlisting the help of parent volunteers
- ▶ E-mailing building staff a 'tip of the week'
- ▶ Starting a daily student patrol

Ideas for Home

Did you know that a digital programmable thermostat can greatly reduce your energy bills? By automatically turning the temperature down (or up) when people are asleep or at work, a new thermostat can save \$180 a year for a typical home! For more information visit <http://www.energystar.gov/>

Got Empty Rooms?

If your building has spare classrooms consider unplugging TVs, VCRs, audio enhancement, and computers in those classrooms. Talk to your custodian or contact Buildings & Grounds to see if the heat can be turned down or the fan can be turned off in these empty rooms.

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