

Energy Savings Tips Contest

During October 2009, Energy Awareness Month, Maine's Office of Energy Independence and Security and Efficiency Maine held an energy saving contest for Maine's 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Governor Baldacci will award iPod Nanos with solar electric backpack chargers for the best energy saving ideas in two categories: 1) how to save energy in your own home; and, 2) how your school can save energy. The following students and their energy savings tips were selected:

4th Grade

School:

"Instead of using your car every single day to go to school or your job. Try to carpool with someone like your friend or take a bus. So we don't pollute the earth that much."

Student: Tais Ferreira; Teacher: Ms. Bartlett; School: All Saints Catholic School, 166 State Street, Bangor, ME 04401

Home:

"Don't give up your holiday lights because of the high energy usage, use instead solar powered LED Christmas lights. They automatically turn on as it gets dark and off again in the morning."

Student: Michaela Jordan; Teacher: Isle Burns; School: Jewett-Hanson School, 24 Groveville Road, Buxton, ME 04093

5th Grade

School:

"Put printers and photocopiers on sleep mode instead of leaving them on."

Student: Riley Bartash; Teacher: Mrs. Bickford; School: Mattanawcook Junior High School, 45 School Street, Lincoln, ME 04457

Home:

"Use cold water when washing clothes."

Student: Libby Cook; Teacher: Mrs. Maxwell; School: Morison Memorial School, 386 Main Street, PO Box 7, Corinth, ME 04427

6th Grade

School:

"Start an Energy Patrol at school. Vote 4-5 responsible people to turn lights off, and shut off computers at the end of the day."

Student: Megan Haney; Teacher: Mrs. Cook; School: Central Middle School, 416 Main Street, Corinth, ME 04427

Home:

"Hang out laundry or buy a laundry rack."

Student: Dylan Fitzhenry; Teacher: Ms. Cates; School: Bay Ridge Elementary School, PO Box 240, Cutler, ME 04626

Congratulations on being selected as a winner!

If you are interested in participating in 2010, call Joy Adamson with Efficiency Maine at (207) 287-8350 or e-mail her at joy.adamson@maine.gov