



Carlsbad Unified School District

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

A Monthly Update from John A. Roach, Ed.D. to Families in our World-Class District

December 2011: Saving Energy and Money

We have great news to report: Thanks to our “energetic” District-wide approach to conservation, over the past 30 months from March 2009 through August 2011, we saved 23% in electricity, natural gas and water. That percentage reduction exceeds our original goal of 20% and equates to about \$1 million!

Now more than ever, this financial savings is significant and needed. With the District facing a potential budget shortfall of about \$10.6 million in school year 2012-13, the money saved keeps the deficit from being even larger. As Devin Vodicka, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, notes, “We are demonstrating fiscal and environmental responsibility, both of which are important in terms of commitment to serving students.”

How did we conserve so much and so well? Through a conscientious effort on the part of all staff, through a partnership with consultant Energy Education, Inc. and through the efforts of our very own “Energy Dude,” AKA CUSD’s Energy Conservation Manager Darin Vey.

Each of our sites did a great job of saving electricity, natural gas and water. Kelly Elementary conserved the most utilities by percentage in 2010-11: 32%! Kelly Principal Tressie Armstrong credits the savings to a school-wide focus on “the small things that add up: shutting off computers, turning off lights, leaving doors shut when air/heat is on, and in general, adhering to Darin’s guidelines.”

These and other conservation methods we follow at our sites are things that you can easily do in your home and office. When you create your New Year’s Resolutions, don’t forget to put conservation high on the list. For tips, email dvey@carlsbadusd.net.

In 2012 and beyond, we plan to continue being good stewards of our District’s natural and fiscal resources. To learn more about our conservation program, please visit <http://www.carlsbadusd.k12.ca.us/energy.html>.

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