

## EECC Energy Conservation Poster Contest Winners



Secondary award presentation at Westlane. From left, Principal, Carol Purcer, student award winner, Cindy Yang, EECC members, Sean Hanna and Todd Rimmington.



Elementary presentation with EECC members at Sheridan Park. Left to right: Teacher, Laurie Janzen, Sean Hanna, Todd Rimmington, award winner, Kendra Newman, Marian Gibbons, EECC Chair, Tony Pinno, Bruce McLennan, and Principal, Joanna Roberto.

Last spring, the EECC invited DSNB students to create new posters encouraging energy conservation in schools. Winners were chosen by the committee, last May. The secondary poster contest award went to Grade 12 Westlane student, Cindy Yang. Cindy found the visual components of her poster while researching environmental issues. Her mutated fish represents pollution, global warming and consequences of fossil fuel generated electricity. Looking through the window frame we see a rapidly altering world. When Cindy observes her peers, she notes that students could be paying closer attention to shutting down computers and overhead lights when leaving the room. The light switch in her poster is a poignant reminder that the simplest acts can have the biggest impact on energy conservation.

Grade 8 Sheridan Park student, Kendra Newman, the EECC elementary poster contest winner confesses she gave her submission some serious thought before starting the creative process. Kendra began by thinking of energy wise acts at Sheridan Park and recalling eco quotes she had heard in the past. As a second year member of the *EcoHawks*, she has had plenty of experience putting energy initiatives into practice at the school. Her energy wise actions at school and home include shutting off lights, turning off monitors and unplugging phantom power hogs, like the microwave oven. Each contest winner received a certificate acknowledging her accomplishment, as well as a \$100 gift card from Chapters/Coles. The committee thanks Cindy, Kendra and the many other students who participated in this contest.

### Conservation TIP

The heater in your room will work much more efficiently if it has plenty of air flow. So, let's not restrict its air flow with stacked books, papers, etc.

## DSBN Student Eco-Summit and EcoSchools

More than 120 Elementary and 40 Secondary students seized the opportunity earlier this fall to participate in the first ever DSBN board-wide Student Eco-Summit. Students and teachers in attendance were energized with:

1. Learning...guest speakers spoke about the importance of living sustainability
2. Sharing...strategies for energy conservation, waste minimization and eco-initiatives from their schools
3. Celebrating...especially the 32 DSBN schools that attained EcoSchools certification in 2010

DSBN schools continue to be places of eco-action for staff and students.....this year we have approximately 40 schools who are going for official certification as EcoSchools.....a new record for DSBN! Wow!

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