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Victorville Area Students and Teachers “Get Wise” When it Comes to Using Water and Energy

SALT LAKE CITY (November 3, 2003) – Students from three school districts in the Victorville, California area gathered in October to learn just how much energy and water they could save in their homes. The school districts of Apple Valley District, Victorville Elementary District and the Adelanto District were all selected to receive the nationally recognized “*LivingWise*” Energy Education Program.

The Victorville area *LivingWise* program is sponsored by Southwest Gas and created and administered by the non-profit National Energy Foundation. At participating schools, students from one 4th, 5th, or 6th grade class received a *LivingWise* kit of energy and water saving devices which included high efficiency showerheads and compact fluorescent light globes. After receiving classroom instruction on how to save energy and water, the conservation devices went home with the students so that they could work with their parents and families to turn knowledge into action!



The *LivingWise* program is unique because of the school-to-home strategy of producing energy savings, according to Dr. Edward Dalton, President & CEO of the National Energy Foundation. “This program has been so successful because it delivers actual technologies into students’ homes, and produces measurable savings,” said Dr. Dalton. He is quick to emphasize, however, that the program’s greatest success is that

NEF Coordinator Joannie Reeder presents *LivingWise* energy saving information to 4th graders at Rio Vista Elementary School in Apple Valley, CA.

it helps students understand that they really can make a difference when it comes to conservation.

Over 500 students and their teachers participated in the Victorville, California area training sessions, which took place from October 20 - 22, 2003. In the Apple Valley District, training was held at Rio Vista Elementary School and at the Lewis Center for Education Research. In the Victorville Elementary District, training was at Lomitas Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School and in the Adelanto District, the Donald F. Bradach Elementary School was the training site.

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