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**IGNITING CREATIVE ENERGY CHALLENGE**

To commemorate NEF’s 25th Anniversary, we are collaborating with JCI and USEA on an extraordinary energy education event called Igniting *Creative Energy Challenge!* Open to students K-12, this education competition is designed to encourage students to learn more about energy and the environment. All student entries will be recognized with three lucky students and one teacher winning a trip with a family member to Salt Lake City in February 2002. Entries must reflect the theme “Igniting Creative Energy” and the deadline is **December 15, 2001**. For further details and application information, phone NEF at 1-800-616-8326 or visit The Challenge web site [www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org](http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org).

**EXPANSION OF “DO THE BRIGHT THING” PROGRAM**

NEF has received authorization to continue the *Do the Bright Thing* energy efficiency educational program. The program will determine how energy efficiency technologies impact student household savings. This partnership between Utah Power and NEF has generated excellent results. The next phase of the program will deliver resource action kits to approximately 7,500 homes. Energy savings are sure to be found in homes participating in this outstanding project.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHER ASSOCIATION WORKSHOPS**

“The Energy Crisis and Your Classroom” and “Rockin’ and Rollin’ in the Rock Cycle” were the titles of NEF workshops at this year’s NSTA Western Area Convention, October 25-27 in Salt Lake City. The NEF-sponsored workshops were very well attended, including 82 teachers (with capacity for 53) at the “rockin’” session. Many positive comments were noted about the workshops and the complementary materials, which included comprehensive packets of educational and informational items.

**NEF STRENGTHENS TIES WITH ENERGYSMART SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

One of the highlights of the NSTA regional conference in Salt Lake City in October was the opportunity for NEF to coordinate efforts in energy education with the EnergySmart Schools national coordinator,

Ms. Blanche Sheinkopf. *EnergySmart Schools* is a *Rebuild America* program sponsored through the U.S. Department of Energy. Ms. Sheinkopf was introduced to NEF's own *Energy Action in Schools™* program and attended the conference breakout session. NEF looks forward to a long and productive partnership with *EnergySmart Schools*.

### **ENERGY FAIRS A BIG SUCCESS IN JORDAN AND MURRAY SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Oak Hollow Elementary School was the location for the September 18, 2001 kick-off of the *Energy Smart Schools* program in Salt Lake City's Jordan School District. Fifth and sixth grade students attended the "2001 Energy Fest" and hosted a special guest, Utah Congressman Jim Matheson. The school was awarded its rebate check for energy savings efforts and a celebration followed with fun educational activities. Murray School District sixth graders also participated in a Murray City Power-sponsored Energy Fair, October 4, 2001. This fair was held at the Salt Lake Community College.

### **BREVARD COORDINATOR ANNOUCEMENT**

We welcome **Kelly VanDusen** as coordinator for the NEF-Johnson Controls partnership in Brevard, Florida. She holds a BSE from Florida Sate University and has 13 years experience as a high school science teacher. This outstanding partnership will now be even more successful.

**Lorraine Blume, teacher at Rex Bell Elementary School in Las Vegas, Nevada writes about the Home Depot/NEF Energy Action Program:** *"Thanks so much for coming to (our school) to teach our students! Your program is wonderful, and you bring it to life! I hope to work with you again!"*

### **NEF ENERGY EDUCATION CALENDAR**

#### **November and December 2001**

*Through December 15* **JCI-NEF "Igniting Creative Energy Challenge" Contest**

*November 2-3* Nevada Science Teachers Association Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada

*November 8-10* NSTA Midwestern Area Convention, Columbus, Ohio

*November 13* **NEF BOARD MEETING**, Washington, D.C.

*November 13-14* Rebuild America Summit, Seattle, Washington

*November 17-18* Association of Idaho Cities Conference, Boise, Idaho

*December 6-8* NSTA Southern Area Convention, Memphis, Tennessee

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