

# CARE for our EARTH at our Schools



## 4th-12th Grade Grant Opportunity

## \$200 Grants to Save Energy or Cut Traffic and Pollution

Santa Barbara County 4th-12th grade teachers can apply for \$200 grants to conduct environmental service projects with their students in one of the two areas below:

### Save Energy

*How can we reduce energy use at schools?*

Brainstorm ways to reduce energy in your classroom or at your school site and implement solutions.

#### Examples:

**Lower Grade levels:** Chart in classroom where students can record when/where they find lights on that don't need to be left on, or identify other energy-wasting equipment.

**Upper Grade levels:** Examine school energy bills, set a target for reductions, make recommendations, present to principal.



### Cut Traffic and Pollution

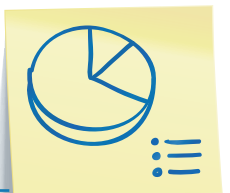
*What can we do to cut the traffic in and out of school parking lots?*

Brainstorm ways to encourage fewer single-family car trips and more walking, biking and multi-family carpooling trips to school, and implement solutions.

#### Examples:

**Lower grade levels:** Draw map of school and neighborhoods and place pins on the map for development of "walking school buses" and other options.

**Upper grade levels:** Do a school-wide transportation survey to identify areas of greatest potential, make recommendations to parent groups and school administrators.



The Care for Our Earth grants program was developed by Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, the Southern California Gas Company, and the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

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