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The autumn equinox is upon us! A lot is going on this fall across the state and nation on clean energy education, which I've summarized below. In addition to Clean Energy Week next week, it's Energy Awareness Month in October! Get yourself, your family, or your students thinking about energy use with one of the resources I've included below.

### Clean Energy Week Webinars

**National Clean Energy Week** is September 25-29th, headed by some of the leading thinkers and businesses in the clean energy industry. Their goal is to raise awareness and increase advocacy for clean energy and are organizing events across America to show how safe and reliable energy creates jobs, strengthens America’s national security, and preserves our environment. Kid Wind is hosting a week of webinars which you can sign up for [here](#).

### Teens Combatting Climate Change

Alaska teens recently delivered a petition to the state’s Department of Environmental Conservation asking for a plan to combat climate change, including reduced carbon emissions. The Alaska Youth for Environmental Action wrote up the petition because they were concerned with the...
changes they have seen even in their lifetimes on the effects of climate change. Read more about their work and the petition here. Photo from KTVA.

Power Pledge Challenge Kicks Off Energy Awareness Month!

October is recognized as Energy Awareness (or Action) Month and for the 5th year in a row we are celebrating with the Power Pledge Challenge. Last month, I announced sign ups for the Challenge and we have started our presentations in the Mat-Su Valley and Eagle River! Next month, Anchorage, Juneau and Homer schools will receive presentations, and there are still some spots available in Anchorage and Juneau. To learn more and how you could win $1,200 in prizes, check out our website here. For other resources to teach about energy in the classroom during October, check out NEED’s list of lessons here.

Reminder: Cross Content Conference

Join me next weekend for the biennial Cross Content Conference held in Fairbanks (September 29th-October 1st). I will have a table set up with information on free energy education resources and continuing education credits. I'll also be doing an energy literacy presentation, currently set for Saturday afternoon at 2:30 pm. The conference is also offering 3 credits of CE if you attend all three days! Check out their website to learn more.

Greenworks Grants

Project Learning Tree offers GreenWorks! grants up to $1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. Students implement an action project they help design to green their school or to improve an aspect of their neighborhood’s environment.

The projects partner students with their entire school, local businesses and/or community organizations, and provide
opportunities for student leadership. The funds can be used by students to: implement recycling programs at their school, conserve water and energy, establish school gardens and outdoor classrooms, improve a forest, or restore a natural habitat - these are just some of many examples.

To learn more, go to their website here.

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**Trivia**

**Q:** Which electric co-op in the state has reduced its rates since 2000 and run nearly 100% on renewable energy?

**A:** Kodiak Electric Association. Kodiak runs on a combination of hydroelectric and wind energy with energy storage in batteries and flywheels.

**Source:** https://www.ktoo.org/2017/09/15/can-kodiak-teach-world-renewable-energy-lot/

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