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Towne Avenue Elementary School Students Earn Energy Savings and Educational Grant

Two Classrooms Receive $1,000 After Completing SoCalREN Kits for Kids Program

Fourth-grade students at Towne Avenue Elementary School in Carson, California, are moving to the head of the class when it comes to saving energy—at school and at home. Led by teachers Dan Bonn and Paul Zinza, students in two classrooms recently completed SoCalREN's Kits for Kids Program.

As part of the free energy efficiency curriculum, students learned about ways to conserve energy and performed an interactive scavenger hunt. They also received energy-efficient items like LED light bulbs, an efficient-flow showerhead, and faucet aerators that their parents or guardians could install in their homes.

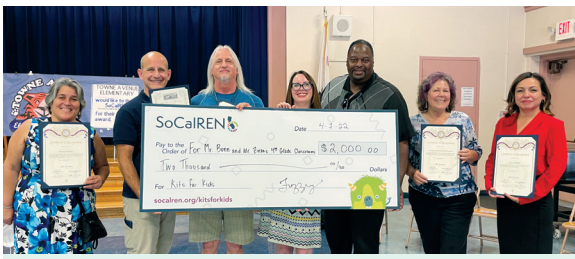
Bonn and Zinza said the energy-saving information seamlessly fit into lessons about health, Earth Day, and current weather and events. "Overall, the program was easy to implement," said Bonn. "Thank you for an awesome learning and teaching experience."

Because the families of 65% of the students in each class installed the energy-saving items they received, each classroom earned a $1,000 grant. The teachers plan to use the funding to purchase a 3-D printer and a set of books for the classes to use.

Upon completion of the program, several students mentioned that the energy-saving knowledge they gained was leaving a lasting impact outside of school. Many families have begun to make other changes to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

"By participating in this program, the students are leaving a legacy for future classes and earning money for the school."

–Paul Zinza, Teacher, Towne Avenue Elementary School





At an award ceremony, officials from SoCalREN congratulated the classes and presented the school with a check for $2,000.

"I really like the LED lights in my room, and the showerhead works really [well]!"

– 4th grade student
Towne Avenue Elementary School



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Email **kitsforkids@socalren.org** or scan the QR code to submit an interest form to get started.

*If at least 65% of students return their installation verification cards, the class earns a $1,000 grant. A $500 grant is offered to classrooms with 10 students or fewer. Grant eligibility is dependent on availability of funds. No personal identifying information is collected.

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