

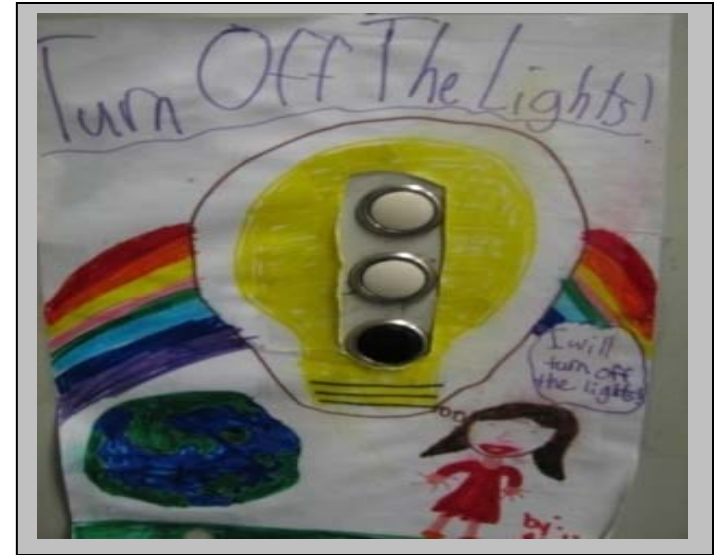
Social Action

Student Leadership through EcoSchools ...

About the program ...

The Denlow Public School [EcoSchools](#) committee meets weekly to set goals and lead school-wide initiatives. Each junior grade class selects two representatives for the committee; representatives are also assigned to each primary class. This ensures that every class is involved and everyone has the opportunity to contribute.

The students persevere in seeking solutions to problems. They are very creative and often recognize when a fresh approach is needed. For example, when they noticed that efforts to reduce energy use appeared to have stalled, they came up with the idea of making interesting, attractive and often humorous plate covers for light switches throughout the school.



Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Students develop higher-level thinking skills as they identify achievable goals and participate in authentic problem solving.
- Class representatives develop habits of responsibility and active citizenship by attending meetings regularly and representing the perspectives of others.
- Teachers are inspired by the students' enthusiasm and optimism, weaving school-wide environmental actions into classroom learning experiences.
- Parents become involved through school-wide events such as Walk to School Days and [Earth Hour](#). They also participate in meetings and support initiatives such as waste reduction and school ground greening.

Pathways ...

Inspired by their experience and involvement in EcoSchools, graduating students have sought out ways to remain engaged in environmental issues at their new schools.

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