



# CHANGE THE WORLD, START WITH ENERGY STAR

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## **Park View NEED Cougars Reaches Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goal**

*Park View NEED Cougars Encourages The Local Community To Save Energy, Save Money, and Help Fight Global Warming with ENERGY STAR®*

### **Cranston, Rhode Island April 15, 2009**

Park View NEED Cougars today announced that it has helped protect the environment by reducing 541,546 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions for future generations by encouraging individuals to take the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR Pledge. In doing so, Park View NEED Cougars has met its goal and fulfilled a meaningful commitment to EPA's *Change the World, Start with ENERGY STAR* campaign.

The *Change the World, Start with ENERGY STAR* campaign includes a growing community of corporations, utilities, manufacturers, individuals, and countless others who have made a firm commitment to change the world through pledging to take actions that save energy, save money, and help fight global warming. If every American household took part in the pledge, we would save more than 110 billion kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity, more than \$18 billion in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 18 million cars.

Park View NEED Cougars committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by inspiring their community to take energy-saving steps at home. In meeting this goal, Park View NEED Cougars has helped to save more than 300,552 kWh of energy and \$41,749 in energy costs.

"We are excited that our actions contributed to the fight against global warming," said Joanne Spaziano, NEED teacher. "Together we can all make a difference, and we are proud that so many people in our community have committed to do their part."

"Taking simple, everyday actions that save energy can change the world," said Ann Bailey of EPA. "Park View NEED Cougars' continued efforts to encourage others to take the ENERGY STAR Pledge have proven to be an invaluable contribution to preserve energy resources and help protect our environment."

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Products that earn the ENERGY STAR prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy.

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## **About ENERGY STAR**

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products as well as new homes and buildings. Products that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. In 2007, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved \$16 billion on their energy bills while reducing greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 27 million vehicles. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

## **About Park View NEED Cougars**

**The Park View Middle School NEED Cougars are a group of student leaders who teach other kids and teachers about energy. We conduct training workshops for teachers and students from across RI in connection with the RI State Energy Office. The NEED contact for RI is Charlie Hawkins. We encourage all those in our community to continue to find ways to save energy and protect our environment.**

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