

# LIGHTS FOR LEARNING™

Don't forget to submit your video! Our 2nd Annual 'How Do You Shine Like An ENERGY STAR®' Contest Is Going On Now!

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## WATTS GOING DOWN

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Emily Scorzo, pictured above, was recently honored as the Lights for Learning First Place Winner in the *Wild About Poetry* Contest.

Emily is a student at Clinton Rosette Middle School in DeKalb. Her inspirational poem, *Medical Crisis*, was selected from more than 200 submissions. Emily was joined by her parents, teacher, Mr. John Murray, and more than 20 classmates for the February 25th award presentation.

Sean McElligott of St. Michael School, Orland

Park, was selected as a Second Place Winner in the *Wild About Poetry* Contest. Sean, along with more than 130 of his classmates, submitted their poems for consideration.

Sean, pictured below, shows off his award with Lights for Learning Education Presenter, John Koslowski, teacher, Mrs. Ramig, and MEEA's Chad Bulman.

An additional Second Place Winner has been chosen. Maureen Hagerty of St. John the Baptist School in Winfield will receive her award during a ceremony on March 16th. Look for Maureen's picture in next month's edition of *Watt Going Down!*



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## SPRING INTO ENERGY SAVINGS

*Improve your home's energy efficiency for the months ahead by following these simple steps:*

**Window air conditioner:** Seal around the unit so cool air cannot escape.

**Central air conditioner:** Hose off the outdoor condensing unit to remove dirt and leaves. Get professional service for your central air conditioner every two years.

**Furnace filter:** If it's dirty, replace it. Check every month to maintain a high level of efficiency.

**Dehumidifier:** Vacuum dust and dirt from coils and fan.

**Lawn mower:** Replace your gas powered mower with a non-polluting manual mower.

**Air-dry laundry:** Put up a clothesline for drying laundry outside to avoid heating the house with your clothes dryer.

**Shade:** Plant a deciduous

shade tree to the south of west of your home to keep it cooler.

**Check gutters and downspouts:** Make sure they drain away from the house to reduce moisture around your home's foundation.

**Ceiling fan:** Consider installing a ceiling fan...during hot weather a ceiling fan will create a cool breeze and keep the air circulating in your home.

Taken from *Madison Gas & Electric Company, Madison, Wisconsin*

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BULB AT A TIME.



### HOW DO YOU SHINE LIKE AN ENERGY STAR?<sup>®</sup> CONTEST

Learn how your school can benefit from the Lights for Learning™ Program at [lights4learning.org](http://lights4learning.org)

Open to all students grades K-12 throughout Illinois!

**Who can compete:** You, your friends, your classroom or school.  
**How do I submit:** Register your video on Youtube and send it to user name "lights4learning" with your name, participants and contact information.  
**Submit Video by:** 11:59 p.m. April 16, 2010  
**What kind of video:** Create a 30 to 60 second live music video, commercial or skit stating how you shine like an ENERGY STAR and the benefits of CFLs.  
**Prizes:**  
**Grand Prize:** Mac Book, iTouch & Docking Station  
**2nd Prize:** Nintendo Wii  
**3rd Prize:** iTouch

Complete list of contest rules and prize equivalents are on: [www.lights4learning.org](http://www.lights4learning.org)

### Earth Day Activities

With Earth Day fast approaching on April 22nd, Lights for Learning is looking for your input! Let us know what you're doing to celebrate the Earth. Send us your photos, articles, and ideas and we'll include them in upcoming newsletters!

#### Look for us...

Lights for Learning representatives will be at various events throughout Illinois in the next few months. Be sure to stop by our booth. We'd love to meet you!

- April 16, Science Update Conference at Western Illinois University. 9AM-3PM
- April 17, Exploration Station...A Children's Museum at the Bourbonnais Township Park District. 10AM-2PM

- April 18, Will County Earth Day Fest at Lewis University in Romeoville. 10AM-4PM
- April 19, Moline Public Library, Moline. 6:30PM
- **Earth Day, April 22, Brookfield Zoo 1PM-3PM**



Chicago Zoological Society

- April 24, Martinez Middle School Recycling Fair, Romeoville. 9AM-1PM
- April 24, Cross of Glory Environmental Fair, Homer Glen. 12PM-4PM
- May 2, Brookfield Zoo, Party for

the Planet, 10AM-4PM

- May 5, Earth Rally, Regina Dominican High School, Wilmette. 1:30 PM
- May 22, GR2010, Celebrating Sustainability, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Joliet. 9AM-4PM
- May 22 & 23, Green Festival, Navy Pier, Chicago. Saturday 10AM-7PM, Sunday 11AM-6PM
- August 13-22, Illinois State Fair, Discovery Tent in Conservation World, Springfield. Daily 10AM-6PM

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