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PSO Consumer Programs Sponsors "Green Schools"

PSO Consumer Programs coordinator Kerry Rowland promoted the "Green Schools" program during a recent visit to the Tulsa Public School system's MET Middle School.

The Oklahoma Green Schools Program offers tips and educational resources to help schools "go green!" Membership in the program requires that a coordinator from the school sign-up. Middle school teacher Kim Evans recently registered her class.

"Through Green Schools, teachers are provided resources to conduct student-led school activities investigating ways that energy is wasted," said Rowland. "The program's goal is to provide schools with tips and information on ways they can reduce energy waste and save money."

AEP-PSO is a sponsor of the program, providing participating classrooms with energy assessment toolkits. The kits contain kill-a-watt meters, a digital light meter, ballast tester, infrared thermometer, and an indoor air quality monitor. Over the next three months the middle-school students at MET will conduct their own energy assessment of their school, and make a report to the school administration.

"The kit, for example, contains a plastic bag with measurements written on it, so kids can catch water that's leaking from a faucet and see how much it adds up over time," said Rowland. "The kit focuses on reducing waste--including water and electricity waste--and promotes recycling." The hope is that the students will become aware of how energy is wasted, report what they find to school officials, and in turn, the school will take necessary steps to make repairs and reduce energy waste."



Above, PSO Consumer Programs coordinator Kerry Rowland (back row, far left), and Les Pace, an energy management professional (back row, far right) recently visited MET Middle School in Tulsa to promote the Oklahoma Green Schools Program.