



Hawk Energy Club

Myrtle Beach Middle School
Myrtle Beach, SC

About Our Club

- Myrtle Beach Middle School
- Hawk Energy Club
- Advisor: Katie Forrest, 8th grade science
- Student Leaders: George Sourlis, Kaylynn Jamison, Nick Timmons
- Project Title: Dashboard: Tracking Energy Production and Usage
- This is the third year for the Hawk Energy club. We have compared energy usage from our old school to the new school, and we have learned about Solar and Geothermal Energy.
- Since we started our club with brand new members this year, we began by learning about the energy efficiency of our new school designed by FirstFloor, Inc. We focused on the Solar Panels, Geothermal Wells, Plug Loads, and Light Energy. We've installed and learned about the Dashboard that tracks the school's energy usage and production. We intended to finish out the year by tracking data from the dashboard and creating a Genius Hour Playground presentation for the school and any community members who wished to attend. Our goal was to open many people's eyes to the fact that we can do so much better in conserving energy for the future. That goal was cut short due to COVID-19.

Goal 1

Learn about different energy alternatives

Activities And Tasks

- Geothermal Wells and how they work
- Lectures and hands-on activities from the NEED Science of Energy Kit
- Light and Plug load calculations

Energy Content and Resources

- Energy websites linked on <u>www.NEED.org</u> and <u>www.energywiseschools.com</u>
- Energy Wise notebook resources
- Videos and Information linked to <u>www.santeecooper.com</u>
- NEED Learning and Conserving Kit
- NEED Science of Energy Kit
- NEED Intermediate Energy Infobook Activities

Student Leadership

- 9 students total
- 2 ambassadors to greet guests
- 1 club secretary
- 4 patrol members
- 2 editors

Evaluation

- Discussed and evaluated visitor presentations
- Website discussion and evaluations
- Patrol forms evaluated
- Tour of geothermal wells
 location incomplete

Geothermal Energy





The information Mrs.
Keele taught us about
Geothermal Energy
really helped us to
understand how it
works to help keep our
school warm on cold
days and cool on warm
days! --Hawk Energy
Club student







NEED Science of Energy Activities

What we learned: As we went through each of the activities, we realized that there is energy involved in so many things. Some of that energy, we can harness and use for everyday things, such as the apple activity or the thermal hand warmers. We use glowsticks all the time at parties and holidays, but we never realized that putting them in cold water would help conserve the energy the glow stick was giving off.

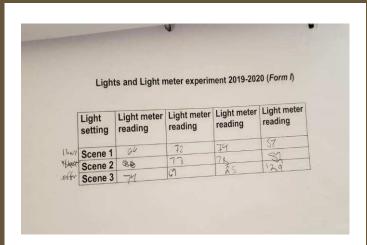




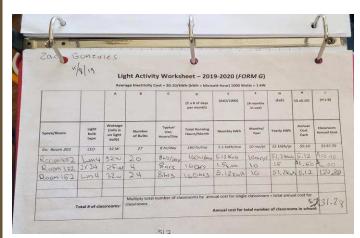




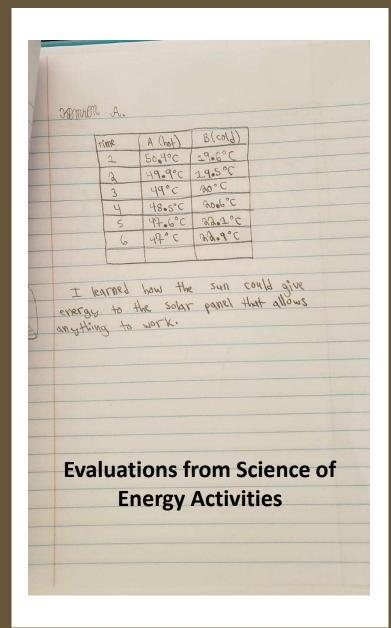


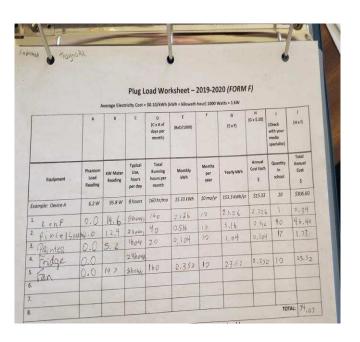


Light Activities/Calculations



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Plug Load Activities/Calculations

•Teach students and educators how to be more energy efficient

Activities And Tasks

- Dashboard Presentations incomplete
- Energy websites linked on <u>www.NEED.org</u> and <u>www.energywiseschools.com</u>
- Energy Wise notebook resources
- Light energy patrols/patrol forms
- NEED Learning and Conserving Kit (KW meter, light meter, flicker checker)
- NEED Science of Energy Kit
- Genius Hour Playground Presentations for MBMS incomplete

Student Leadership

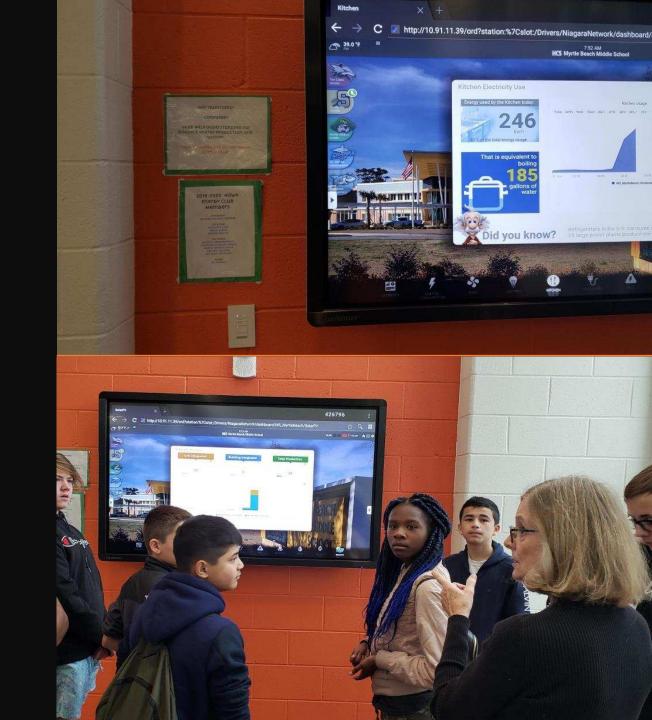
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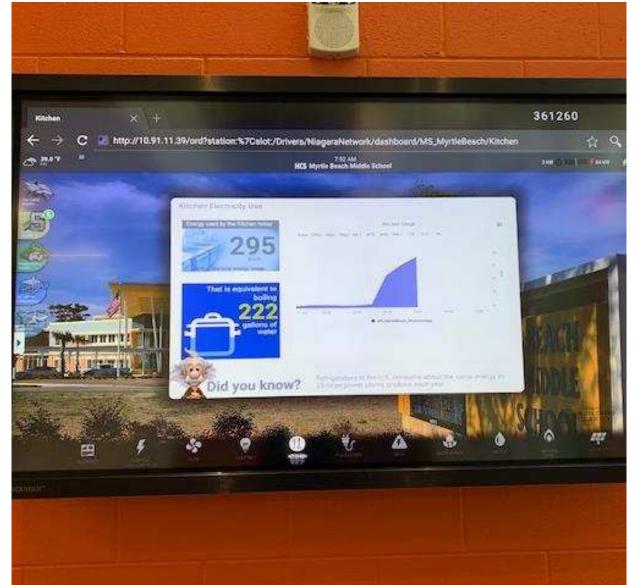
- Patrol forms evaluated-incomplete
- Presentations created to share
 alternative forms of energy incomplete
- Posters created and Television
 displaying the dashboard—incomplete

Dashboard

- The Dashboard was up and running in August. By the end of November, our principal had a monitor installed in the cafeteria for everyone to be able to monitor the school energy usage.
- The Dashboard contains 10 different pages that can give you more information on water usage, kitchen energy usage, solar energy production, etc.
- The students were learning how to analyze the information from the dashboard so they could create presentations to teach others about how our school can be Net Positive.











Summary and Goals for next year!

• We have really enjoyed learning about energy conservation; how solar panels and geothermal wells work. We also were thrilled to have the dashboard finally working. Unfortunately, we were unable to track the data because of the COVID-19 closure. Next year, we will begin tracking that data and we would like to do more to educate the community about our school and its use of alternative energy. The district is already looking to build more Net Positive schools, based on the data coming back from the five they have.