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## October EE Update

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Hello EE Coordinators,

I hope your year is starting off well and you are taking advantage of the mild weather to get your kids outside! More than half of the ELPs have been approved. I am planning to approve the remainder of them by the end of October. Please reach out if you have any questions or need to revise anything.

Upcoming Opportunities:

### [Outdoor Learning Store Online PD](#)

The outdoor learning store offers a variety of EE-related PD opportunities with an Indigenous focus throughout the year .

### [Midwest Climate Collaborative: Educator Community of Practice](#)

A series of sessions to learn and collaborate with other educators on a monthly basis.

### [School Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\) Training](#)

We shared this in the last update, but there are a few sessions left!

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is offering school Indoor Air Quality plan trainings in fall 2024, in-person statewide and via a webinar. This training will discuss requirements and best practices for school IAQ. School staff, service providers, and others are welcome to attend. The training is free. [Registration is required.](#)

School Spotlights:

- Vermilion Country School, Tower, MN: In September, VCS students took a schoolwide field trip to Big Rice Lake to study the intersection of science, culture, and history. Students canoed through stands of wild rice and learned how to parch and thrash the wild rice. [Article](#)
- Aurora Waasakone Community of Learners, Bemidji, MN: Director Anna Wallin leads Waasakone Time where students visit sit spots on a weekly basis. AWCL is lucky enough to have a school forest which offers ample opportunities to get outside and meet the goal of at least 40 hours of outdoor learning annually for every student.

Featured Resource:

[NASA ClimateKids: What's the difference between weather and climate?](#)

Some things we're reading:

- [What does it mean to be environmentally literate?](#)
- [History in the Moonlight: Reflections Through Generations](#)
- [This election season, join us to support the lottery-backed environment fund](#)

Grants and Funding:

- [Free energy consulting and rebates for Xcel Energy customers](#)  
Schools in Xcel Energy Minnesota territory may be eligible for free energy efficiency consulting and enhanced rebates through Center for Energy and Environment's (CEE) One-Stop Efficiency Shop,

sponsored by Xcel Energy. CEE is a Minnesota-based nonprofit that specializes in energy efficiency and electrification. The program includes: Free lighting, HVAC, and refrigeration assessments, Rebates covering up to 75% of project costs, Custom reports with recommendations and estimated savings, rebates, and paybacks, Free ecobee3 lite smart thermostats and free installation, Project support including help finding contractors and reviewing bids, Access to low-interest financing, Assistance completing and submitting rebate paperwork. Sign up for a free energy assessment by contacting David Olson ([dolson@mncee.org](mailto:dolson@mncee.org), 612-335-5834) or visit the [website](#) to learn more.

Reach out if you have any EE related questions. Friendly reminder that I was an environmental science teacher for 15 years and always willing to be a thought partner!

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Hello,  
I will be out of the office on leave until November 22nd. I look forward to connecting upon my return.

Please reach out to my colleague Jolene Palme at [palme@ospreywilds.org](mailto:palme@ospreywilds.org) in the meantime as needed. Jolene will answer compliance and Aerie related questions or connect you to the staff member best able to respond to your message.

Sincerely,  
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