

## SEE All-Stars save district money

Everyone felt the pinch of rising energy prices this winter, and Saint Paul Public Schools were no exception. As a result of higher than expected costs, the district paid more than \$1.5 million more for heating than budgeted. If not for the Schools for Energy Efficiency (SEE) program that Saint Paul Public Schools has been participating in for the last two years, the school district would've been feeling the crunch even more.

Students, staff and teachers throughout the district have worked hard to reduce energy use by doing the little things - turning off lights and computer monitors, turning down thermostats, closing curtains and shades to keep heat in at night. However, five people went above and beyond to save light bulbs, energy, and money, becoming SEE All-Stars in the process:

**John Bianchi**, Humboldt Senior High School Principal: One half of the "Dynamic Energy Duo" at Humboldt High, Bianchi took the ball and ran with it, doing whatever it took to make the SEE program's goal of 10 percent energy savings. His efforts, and those of his staff, paid off. Humboldt High's energy use dropped like a rock, down 15 percent for the 2004-2005 school year and continued reductions in '05-'06.

**Dan Roesner**, Humboldt Senior

High School Head Engineer: Part two of the "Dynamic Energy Duo," Roesner helped make Humboldt the model of energy efficiency it is, making suggestions regarding lighting and energy consumption. The results were outstanding.

**Christine Anderson**, Crossroads Elementary SEE Site Leader: Anderson has been a SEE supporter from the start, pushing the Energy Hog and Energy Bike events at her school and keeping Crossroads staff up to date and on track with SEE news and events.

**Sandy Wilson**, Roosevelt Elementary SEE Site Leader: Promotions at Roosevelt's science fair, costumes, anything that could promote the program and make people aware of the need to reduce energy use, she did it.

**Leslie Erickson**, Central High School Librarian: Everyone has a stake in SEE, and nowhere is that more evident than in Central High's library, where half the lights are off due to Erickson's efforts. She hasn't heard any complaints as a result of her "mood lighting" and since media rooms are huge energy users, she has saved the district a large amount of money.

For more information on how you can become a SEE All-Star, contact Jim Giebel at [jim.giebel@spps.org](mailto:jim.giebel@spps.org) or (651) 767-3408.