Fall has arrived, and so have some great opportunities that may support your teaching/learning goals throughout the school year. Check them out below, and please share this information with your colleagues.

### Project WILD Educator Workshop

Project WILD Educator Workshop is an essential training event for educators to integrate Project WILD materials. Educators attending this workshop will have the opportunity to develop partnerships, stewardship, and service learning activities. For instructions and a submission form, please email Maria Coons, DEP Radiation Protection at macoons@pa.gov.

### Powering PA

If you want to take your water education program up another notch, consider creating a Meaningful Watershed Educational Educator’s Guide to Meaningful Watershed Educational. One of the most visible and obvious signs of water pollution is an oil sheen. Seeing a shiny, translucent film on water is a clear sign of such pollution. Not all sheens are the result of oil, however. Students will enjoy hands-on learning experiences using items like saline solution, vinegar, and food coloring to create their own sheen. For more information, contact your local Penn State Extension office or the State Conservation District.

### Poster Contest

The DEP Radiation Protection Program is holding a Radon School Poster Contest to help spread awareness of this health risk. The contest is open to students ages 9-14 years old. Students are encouraged to create a poster highlighting the harmful effects or the importance of testing for radon in the home. Doing a simple cannister test is the only way to detect radon in the home. For instructions and a submission form, please email Maria Coons, DEP Radiation Protection at macoons@pa.gov. The deadline for poster submission is November 8, and teachers may submit the top three posters from their school. DEP will select the three best posters statewide and notify teachers of the winners on November 22. Winners will receive Amazon gift cards, and DEP will feature the posters in a statewide educational outreach.

### Recycling Rally

PepsiCo Recycle Rally: How Consumers Can Help Reduce Recycling During Holidays is an important campaign that promotes recycling in the United States. Participating in this campaign by organizing a local recycling event can be a powerful way to engage your community in reducing waste. For more information, visit the PepsiCo Recycle Rally website or contact your local recycling coordinator. The campaign runs from November 25 to December 31.

### Alternative Fuel Grants

2019 Alternative Fuel Grants Available for Cleaner Energy School Buses is an opportunity for school districts to apply for DEP Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants for cleaner energy. Did you know school districts can apply for DEP Alternative Fuel Incentive Grants for cleaner energy School Buses? Apply now to replace old diesel buses with new electric, propane, or natural gas school buses? Apply now to replace old diesel buses with new electric, propane, or natural gas.

### Environmental Education Grants Program

Education, at the Community Level: Making a Difference in Local Watersheds is a grant program that supports environmental education initiatives at the community level. These grants are available to organizations and individuals who are working to protect and enhance local watersheds. For more information, visit the Environmental Education Grants Program website or contact your local environmental education office. Applications are due by December 31.

### Envirothon Competition

Another round of kudos to Carmichaels Area High School! After winning the Pennsylvania Envirothon, students from the school will represent Pennsylvania at the National Envirothon Competition held at the Missouri Botanical Garden in November. Your local Penn State Extension office or a conservation district may also provide valuable information. Check out this Envirothon website for more information.

### Monarch Watch

Monarch Watch: Developing Students Into Litter Prevention Leaders is a program that aims to engage students in the protection of the monarch butterfly and other pollinator habitat using native vegetation. This program provides free milkweed plants to schools and educational teams from around the world at the National Conservation Federation Envirothon competition, held at the Missouri Botanical Garden in November. Another round of kudos to Carmichaels Area High School! After winning the Pennsylvania Envirothon, students from the school will represent Pennsylvania at the National Envirothon Competition held at the Missouri Botanical Garden in November. Your local Penn State Extension office or a conservation district may also provide valuable information. Check out this Envirothon website for more information.

### Air Quality

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg, PA are working together to improve air quality in Pennsylvania. The U.S. Department of Environmental Protection has awarded 1,965 environmental education grants, totaling $11.3 million to date. DEP is pleased to start accepting applications for the 2020 Environmental Education Grants Program. Applications are due by December 31. For more information, visit the Environmental Education Grants Program website or contact your local environmental education office. Applications are due by December 31.