



Sustainable Classrooms Provide Valuable Lessons for Local Students

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MANTECA, Calif., October 21, 2010 – Manteca Unified School District selects Gen7 to host its sixth grade Environmental Stewards.

In the district's ongoing effort to encourage environmental education, the first Environmental Stewards were selected to create and implement a recycling program for their schools. The forty sixth-grade students will spend the day at Manteca-based American Modular Systems, who manufacture Gen7, high performance, eco-friendly classrooms. The event will take place at the AMS manufacturing facilities on October 21, 2010 from 10am-1pm at 787 Spreckels Avenue in Manteca.

Onsite, students will experience innovative techniques to start their own recycling programs and see first hand how familiar items such as discarded aluminum cans and blue jeans can be reused to construct sustainable classrooms.

“By recycling at school, students can learn the basics of recycling, sustainability resources conservation and environmental stewardship,” says Victoria Brunn, Sustainability Coordinator for the Leadership On Green Initiatives Committee (LOGIC) at Manteca Unified School District. “We want to partner with Gen7 to show our Environmental Stewards how a sustainable classroom can provide a healthy learning environment. Creating a learning environment that underscores the curriculum is a vital way to teach.” LOGIC is committed to providing innovative teaching opportunities and programming to the districts 24,000 plus students.

Co-Founder of American Modular Systems, Tony Sarich, is a strong advocate for sustainability education. “We have worked with LOGIC since its inception in 2009. While our company is transforming the way classrooms are built, we are committed to taking a leadership role in the community to encourage sustainable practices within each school. We want students

and teachers to see the benefits of green schools while experiencing the number of hands-on learning opportunities these classrooms provide.”

Woodward Elementary student, Andrew Brunn is excited to represent his school as an Environmental Steward and is looking forward to his visit to Gen7 to learn how to start a school-recycling program. When asked why he wants to learn more about recycling, he responded: “By recycling, we can help the earth, stop global warming and most important, keep plastic out of the ocean so it can’t harm ocean life. I want my school to do what’s best for the environment and be leaders in the charge!”

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About Manteca Unified School District

Manteca Unified School District has been recognized throughout the state as a leader in environmental programs. It achieved the honor of being the first school district in California to adapt the statewide Environmental Education Initiative, the national model designed to help prepare students to become future scientists, economists and green technology leaders.

About AMS and Gen7

[American Modular Systems](#) (AMS), one of the largest modular manufacturers in the West, designs and builds commercial, institutional and educational facilities. With the addition of Gen7 — high quality, energy-efficient, eco-friendly classrooms — the California-based builder is helping communities create healthy, sustainable learning environments that will benefit students for generations to come.

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