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Middle School Class to be Recognized for Energy Savings
Watts Up or Down Energy Challenge Participants Save Enough Energy to Power an Xbox for 20 Years

How much energy does it take to power an Xbox? This is a question the students at Goldenview Middle School can now answer, thanks to the first annual Watts Up or Down Energy Challenge.

In an effort to educate middle-school students about the importance of energy efficiency and conservation, Chugach Electric Association partnered with the Renewable Energy Alaska Project to co-host this three-month competition, encouraging students to reduce their families' energy consumption and learn the basic principals of energy generation and usage.

Chugach and REAP would like to congratulate *Team Zogawatt* for placing first in the challenge. The winning team, from Mr. Noah Zogas' 7th grade classroom, saved enough electricity during the challenge to power a home for two months. The top three teams were from Goldenview Middle School.

1st Place: ***Team Zogawatt***, Mr. Noah Zogas' 7th grade team

2nd Place: ***Watts Going Down***, Ms. Kendra Miller-Jones' 8th grade team

3rd Place: ***Electric Sliders***, Ms. Ann Lynn's 8th grade team

The challenge ran from Oct. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013 and encouraged more than 700 students to participate in two energy-saving measures: completing an educational energy efficiency workbook and signing up for a Social Energy App, known as Opower, which tracks monthly energy use. The students that signed up for the app earned points for their team if they used less electricity during the three month challenge period in 2013 compared to the same three months in 2012.

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The 2013 Watts Up or Down Energy Challenge was organized by Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) and Chugach Electric Association (Chugach). For more information go to <http://www.chugachelectric.com/energy-efficiency/smart-power>