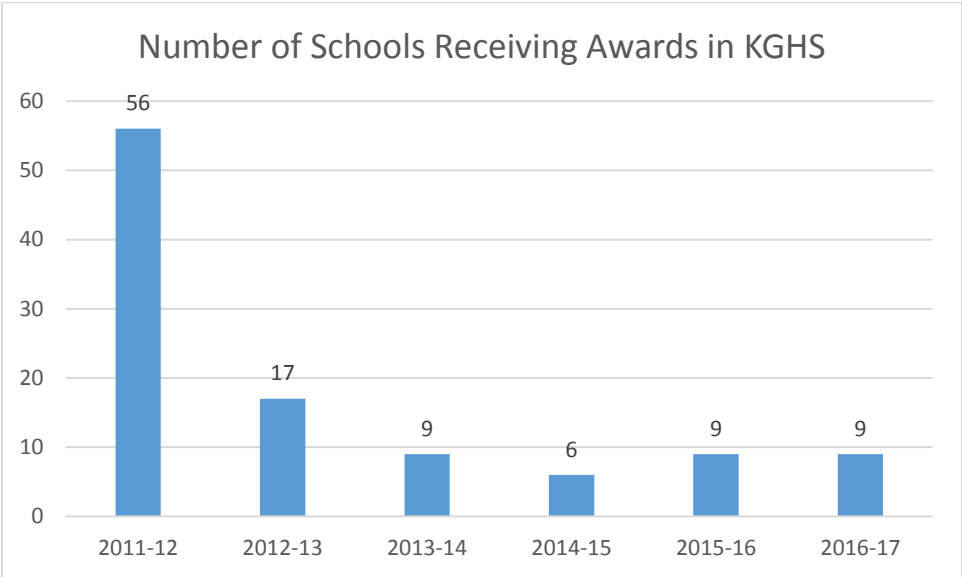


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Update: Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools

- KEEC has hired Gregory Taylor as our Environmental Education Specialist. Gregory has been working with the schools by doing some site visits as well as working with the cabinet finance personnel to draft and send out contracts.
- In the 2016-17 school year, 9 schools completed projects through the KGHS program, with four participating for the first time.
- At this time, 37 schools are active in the program for the 2017-18 school year:
 - 4 schools previously enrolled in the program have been selected to receive \$1000 through the water mini-grant program
 - 18 schools are newly enrolled in the program and have been selected to receive \$1000 through the water mini-grant program
 - 5 schools are newly enrolled in the program and have been put on the waiting list to receive grants with leftover funds
 - 5 schools have enrolled in the program, but did not apply for a grant
 - 5 schools that participated in the program last year did not apply for a grant
- One school in the Big Sandy watershed basin was recruited. Paintsville High School was added to the program this week
- At a minimum, 23 schools will receive awards through the KGHS program in the 2017-2018 school year (more than double the amount awarded in each of the last 4 years).



Update: Professional Environmental Educator Certification

- There are currently 103 Certified Professional Environmental Educators in Kentucky
 - 78 renewed or were reinstated at the beginning of 2017
 - 26 were certified through the 2016-17 Professional Environmental Educator Certification course
 - 1 has passed away since the last renewal
- The next course is scheduled to begin in October 2018 and keep the same schedule of four workshops running through March 2019. Workshop locations will be Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Louisville, and Barren River Lake State Resort Park.
 - Contingency planning in the event of agency termination needs to be addressed.
- KEEC has received a grant from Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky for \$9,500.
 - This money would need to be returned or transferred in the event of agency termination
- If the Environmental Education Leadership Corps is able to come together in 2018, at least 20 AmeriCorps members will be joining the course.
- KEEC staff is on hold in working with the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet fiscal staff on the contract for course instructors. Most likely, it will return to a single contract for an organization to provide instructors, subject to KEEC requirements for instructor eligibility.
- Wesley Bullock has attended the first of three Advanced Training for Environmental Educators workshops in Georgia. Additional workshops will be in March and June of 2018. Wesley has begun exchanging ideas with Georgia leadership in order to improve both programs.

Update: Outreach

- NAAEE Collaboration Efforts:
 - Revision of the NAAEE Accreditation Manual for College and University programs
 - Revision of the K-12 learner Guidelines for Excellence
- KAEE and KUPEE Collaboration Efforts:
 - Bi-Monthly meetings (Continuing)
 - Coordinating strategic planning efforts
 - Stakeholder meetings
- Kentucky Science Teachers Association Conference—joint presentation on green schools with KAEE
- Louisville Office of Sustainability—invitation to join some meetings in 2018
- Solid Waste Coordinators meeting—presentation on PEEC course

- Greater Clark Foundation—assistance with educational planning for new park
- Children’s Environmental Health Summit
- Fayette County Board of Education—presentation of Green Ribbon Schools award to Morton Middle School