

# You are invited to a Cool School Challenge Training Workshop

with a Special Focus on Climate Change and Plants



9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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Are you are a 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade teacher interested in actively engaging your students in one of the most timely topics of the century? If so, we invite you to a FREE workshop focusing on the connection between climate change and plants. The **LEARN, TEACH, ACT** sequence below will give you a taste of what to expect:

**LEARN – What is the connection between climate change and plants?** If you're a teacher interested in educating your students about the causes, impacts and potential solutions of climate change then plants deserve a starring role in your curriculum! Join environmental educators from the **University of Washington Botanic Gardens** to learn about "climate change gardens" and how the age-old study of phenology can be used to engage your students in hands-on science learning.

**TEACH – How do you incorporate the topic of climate change into your curriculum?** If you're looking for additional resources to lay the foundation for understanding some of the forces behind climate change and its connection to numerous social, economic, and environmental factors, let **Facing the Future** walk you through their **climate change curriculum** and other great resources.

**ACT – How do you take action in your school?** Learn about the **Cool School Challenge**, become a "Challenge Coach," and help your students reduce their environmental impact, mitigate their individual "carbon footprint" and lead their school through the same process. The **Cool School Challenge engages students, teachers and school districts** in a school-wide initiative **to reduce the school's carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions** by 2,000 pounds or more per classroom, per school year. Implement the **Challenge** and empower your students to become leaders, take action, and make a difference! The program can be administered by any teacher interested in becoming a "Challenge Coach," and is especially suited for science and math teachers and ASB leaders.

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 TEACHERS!**

Please register online by April 23<sup>rd</sup> at:

[www.coolschoolchallenge.org/workshop-schedule.aspx](http://www.coolschoolchallenge.org/workshop-schedule.aspx)

For more information, contact Kimberley Cline at [info@coolschoolchallenge.org](mailto:info@coolschoolchallenge.org)

Washington Science Teachers Association Clock Hours will be available. Please bring a totally waste free lunch and your own reusable mug. We'll provide light snacks, coffee and tea and will have recycling and composting bins on hand to help minimize trash. Visit [www.coolschoolchallenge.org](http://www.coolschoolchallenge.org) for more information.

