

## NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR ENERGY SAVING PROGRAM: MOUNT ARLINGTON STUDENTS ENGAGE POWERSAVE PROGRAM REMOTELY AT HOME



Mount Arlington Grade 3 Student **Daniel Rojas** presented energy saving tips to his parents **Rodrigo Rojas and Hedly Rios**. The program is sponsored by The Alliance to Save Energy and New Jersey Natural Gas. Students use an on-line training program which is being rolled out nationally to learn about energy basics, energy audits, renewable energy sources, and green careers. The final stage of the program is to get families to complete an audit at home using the light meters, infrared thermometers, and watt meters. Mount Arlington has piloted the program for 4 years and a record of the students' engagement as energy auditors is documented in the following slideshow.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A5lxHja-Ay1zEsXxKUIfZAOhuYScpWoDaM2FM8YYAYg/edit?usp=sharing>

Daniel's family commented, "Having our son (Daniel) present his Powersave program has been great. The program increased our self awareness on how to be more careful with the environment and natural resources. Powersave also empowered us to think about ways to save energy at home, and sparked our imagination and creativity in trying to find new solutions. It also gave us a glimpse as to how Daniel is bringing new and proactive behaviors into our home.

Seeing Daniel at his early age talk to us about energy conservation to this level, is a reason to be proud!! “

Daniel summarizes his experiences with a message: “My opinion is that if the world has more caution on how much energy people use, the earth will not suffer bad damage. Powersave is going to help the world to be a better place for animals and humans to live in. I hope this effort gives off a message and together we can save the world.”