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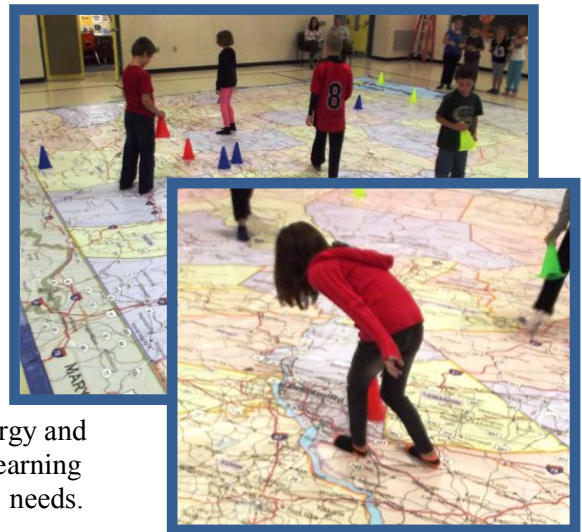
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The Learning Lamp Takes Giant Floor Map of Pennsylvania on the Road as Part of Traveling Science and Geography Curriculum

JOHNSTOWN (December 7, 2011) — The Learning Lamp is now scheduling half- and full-day assemblies for its Giant Floor Map of Pennsylvania for the remainder of the school year, as well as for community groups throughout Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, and Blair Counties. The map, which measures 26 feet x 34 feet, is the latest addition to The Learning Lamp *To Go* traveling science and geography curriculum.

“The map has everything you would find on a standard map and more,” explained Heidi Rizkalla, Director of Education at The Learning Lamp. **“The big difference is everything is super-sized, easy to read, and fun to find.”** The map includes cities, counties, rivers, landmarks, and thousands of miles of railroads. It comes with a ready-made curriculum that is designed to help teachers meet Pennsylvania Academic Standards for everything from the environment, ecology, and science to economics, history and government.”

The map can also be used to cover timely topics such as Pennsylvania’s pivotal role in advancing alternative wind energy and production of natural gas from Marcellus Shale wells. The Learning Lamp’s teachers will also customize lessons to meet teachers’ needs.



Central Cambria Students identify cities during a workshop for 4th and 5th graders.

Grants from the PA Department of Environmental Protection and CSX Corporation paid for the custom design and printing of the giant vinyl map, as well as costs associated with developing the curriculum and incorporating the map into workshops for the 2011-12 school year. The Learning Lamp also plans to utilize the map in its summer camp series.

For more information on the Giant Floor Map of Pennsylvania, please call The Learning Lamp at (814) 262-0732 or visit www.thelearninglamp.org.

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