

FCPS EARTH WEEK 2024

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EARTH DAY

GET CREATIVE AND REDUCE PAPER USE AT YOUR SCHOOL BY CREATING AND USING GOODS (GOOD ON ONE SIDE) BINS IN YOUR CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO KEEP THE LIGHTS OFF IN THE CLASSROOM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THIS WEEK

DO A LITTER PICK UP WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE FOR RECESS THIS WEEK.

USE MATERIALS THAT YOU MAY OTHERWISE THROW AWAY TO MAKE ART.

GET DIRTY: WORK IN AN EXISTING SCHOOL GARDEN OR PLANT SOMETHING NEW.

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WATERSHED DAY

WHAT IS A WATERSHED? WHAT WATERSHED DO YOU LIVE IN? CHECK [FAIRFAX COUNTY'S WATERSHED MAP](#) TO FIND OUT!

FAUCET: WATCH [THIS VIDEO](#) AND COMMIT TO TURN OFF THE WATER WHILE YOU ARE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH.

EXPLORE THE LOCAL WATERWAYS AND [LEARN MORE](#) ABOUT HOW TO GO FISHING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

DO ONE OF THE FUN ACTIVITIES FROM [CLEANWATERSHED.ORG](#)

LEARN ABOUT [STORMY THE RAINDROP](#) AND FOLLOW HIS JOURNEY WITH A PUPPET SHOW, COLORING PAGES, AND MORE.

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ZERO WASTE DAY

WATCH, "[THE STORY OF PLASTIC](#)" AND INVITE STUDENTS TO JOURNAL OR DRAW AN IDEA OF HOW WE CAN HELP STOP THIS PROBLEM.

USE THE FAIRFAX COUNTY [CURBSIDE RECYCLING SITE](#) TO DISCUSS RECYCLING WITH STUDENTS AND THEN ASSIGN A [RECYCLING SORTING GAME](#) IN SCHOOLLOGY

WATCH THIS [TEDED VIDEO](#) ABOUT HOW PLASTIC BOTTLES ARE MADE AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM AFTER WE USE THEM

DID YOU KNOW: IT WAS STUDENT ACTIVISTS WHO LED THE DRIVE TO ELIMINATE PLASTIC STRAWS FROM FCPS? BRAINSTORM WAYS YOU COULD ADVOCATE FOR CHANGES IN YOUR SCHOOL.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: WHAT ZERO-WASTE SWAPS COULD YOU MAKE TO REPLACE DISPOSABLE ITEMS? (EXAMPLES: PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS, DISPOSABLE CUTLERY, ETC.)

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CLIMATE CHANGE DAY

COMPLETE [THIS EXPERIMENT](#) TO LEARN ABOUT ARCTIC ICE MELT

LEARN [HOW TREE RINGS CAN TELL US ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE](#). DRAW YOUR LIFE IN TREE RINGS: WHAT IMPORTANT EVENTS WOULD BE REPRESENTED?

PLANT A TREE

MAKE LIGHTSWITCH SIGNS TO REMIND OTHERS TO TURN OFF LIGHTS WHEN NOT IN USE.

EXPLORE THE VIDEOS, GAMES AND OTHER RESOURCES ON [NASA'S CLIMATE KIDS SITE](#).

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WILDLIFE DAY

MAKE A BIRDFEEDER OUT OF RECYCLABLES OR NATURAL MATERIALS AND HANG IT IN YOUR SCHOOL YARD

EXPERIENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY BY COMPLETING ONE OF [THESE](#) ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE [WILDFIRE PREVENTION](#) WITH SMOKEY BEAR

DISCUSS THE WAYS THAT HUMANS CHANGE ECOSYSTEMS BY WATCHING [THIS VIDEO](#) ABOUT THE REMOVAL AND REINTRODUCTION OF WOLVES IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

CONNECT WITH NATURE: FIND A QUIET PLACE OUTSIDE TO SIT AND OBSERVE. RECORD USING YOUR FIVE SENSES IN A NATURE JOURNAL.