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2017 Earth Day Event at PVM Camp is a Success!

It was a little rainy and slightly cool at the beginning of the day at this year's 2017 Earth Day event held at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries Camp in Camden, Ohio. But the skies eventually cleared and the students were excited to begin their Earth Day activities. The April 28th event was put together for around 491 students and featured 22 presenters speaking on topics ranging from recycling, and natural resource conservation, wildlife preservation, to land-use management. The students enjoyed hands-on activities and demonstrations and asked questions at each station to increase their knowledge about how to better take care of our Earth for its human and animal occupants. Everything went smoothly this year despite the short rain delay at the start

of the presentations, and many of the teachers and presenters remarked about how engaged the students were in the discussions and about how well-behaved and environmentally conscious all the students were. The FFA students did a wonderful job with helping the presenters and students at each of the stations. Thanks go out to all of the five Preble County schools that were in attendance, because without you, Earth Day would not be possible. A special acknowledgement goes out to all of the presenters for sharing their time, knowledge, and talents with the students and adults in attendance. Finally, this office would like to acknowledge PVM Camp for allowing the use of its grounds again this year and for putting on such a great learning event

for everyone.

2017 Earth Day Poster Contest Winners: 1st place: Sophia Brunk of Tri-County North Schools, 2nd place: Ben Browning of National Trail Schools, 3rd place: Cameran McDivitt of Eaton Community Schools. Congratulations to all of the winners!

We hope everyone had a great time celebrating Earth Day and it is our wish that everyone would take what they learned at Earth Day home with them and use it to take care of Mother Earth.



The Southern Singers sing traditional Indian songs and teach students about using Mother Nature's natural resources wisely. →

The Earth Day Anthem

This is a universal song associated with Earth Day. Its lyrics are set to the tune of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" melody on which the official anthem of the European Union is based:

"Joyful joyful we adore our Earth in all its wonderment,

Simple gifts of nature that all join into a paradise.

Now we must resolve to protect her,

Show her our love throughout all time.

With our gentle hand and touch,

We make our home a newborn world.

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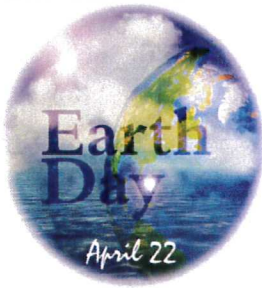
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The History of Earth Day and Why it is Important...

Inspiration for Earth Day-

Senator Gaylord Nelson thought of creating a special day to celebrate planet Earth because he was worried about its fate. The senator talked to members of Congress and the president about pollution and other environmental-related planetary problems. President Kennedy began visiting parts of the U.S. to discuss these problems.

Creation of Earth Day-

Senator Nelson and others still didn't think enough was being done to help Earth, so they created Earth Day as a way to teach people about the importance of improving our environment. Senator Nelson wrote to colleges and put an article in Scholastic magazine hoping children would join Earth Day's cause. After word got around, the first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970.

Why Earth Day is Important-

Earth Day is now a celebrated event in more than 192 countries. Its purpose is to increase environmental awareness among people. Some ideas advanced by

observers of Earth Day include convincing people to buy green products, helping people focus on the concepts of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and pledging friends and family to fight against global warming. Many people take part in Earth Day activities such as community environmental clean-ups, planting trees and saplings, collecting and removing garbage, imparting environmental education to others, cleaning of roadways and parks, signing petitions, and showing environmentally-themed movies plus more.

Earth Day is dedicated to increasing awareness about the Earth and its issues and problems. Today, more than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. As a result of this remarkable event, various policy agreements and acts have been sanctioned such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many others.

Earth Day has gained tremendous significance over the years. This is due to the fact that people around the world have witnessed food shortages, sky rocketing fuel prices, and

increasing global warming which triggers changing weather patterns. Earth Day is a day that acknowledges the importance of our planet. People come to know about the contemporary environmental issues such as global warming, depleting resources, etc. Both adults and kids become conscious about the strategies and tactics which they can adopt in their day to day life to help ensure cleaner environments.

*Adapted from an article found on the website:

<http://www.conserve-energy-future.com/earth-day-facts-and-significance.php>

Did You Know?

Trash Facts. The average American throws away **4.5 pounds** of trash a day. To give you an idea of how much trash we generate here in the United States, imagine a hole the size of a football field, including the end zones. If we bury all of the trash we produce in just one year, that hole would be 100 miles deep! See why we should recycle?



5 Reasons Why Schools Should Recycle:

1. They can raise additional funds for the school's activities by turning in cans for reimbursement.
2. Recycling is a fun way to teach children how to care for the environment.
3. Recycling reduces the trash both in the school and the landfill.
4. It involves the whole community, parents, teachers, and kids to unite by recycling to make the environment safe for all.
5. Kids who care enough to recycle care more about themselves, their community and their own future as well.

Remember to Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle!

They're really half a world away,

There's nothing we can do.

"Rain Forests" might be just two words

To kids like me and you.

They're really somewhere over there.

I may not even see.

A rain Forest in my entire life.

What should it mean to me?

I know that trees are being cut,

Faster than we know.

These trees are where creatures live,

So now where will they go?

So I know they're half a world away,

Rain Forests I can't see,

But I can learn and understand,

Because the future starts with me!



10 Ways Kids Can

Save The Rainforests:

<http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/articles/10-ways-kids-can-save-the-rainforest>

An Earth Day Craft To Try:



Materials:

- small twig
- 2 maple tree propeller seeds (dried out)
- aqua colored paint (or choose a color of paint you would like to use)
- glitter glue (color of your choice)
- paint brush
- small black beads or stones
- paper plate
- tacky glue or glue gun (glue gun requires the help of an adult)

Instructions:

1. Pour a small amount of paint on your paper plate and paint your small twig. Set it aside to dry completely. Wash off your paintbrush.
2. Squeeze a line of glitter glue across your maple seeds and use your paint brush to cover your seeds with the glitter glue. Let the glitter glue dry completely.
3. Once the paint on your twig is dry, use your tacky glue or a hot glue gun to glue your small black beads onto the end of your twig for the dragonfly eyes.
4. Once your glitter glue is dry, use your tacky glue or hot glue gun to attach your maple seed wings onto your dragonfly.

Now have fun flying around your dragonfly! What other nature crafts can you make?



Recycling Facts-

- Americans use 4 million water bottles every hour yet only 1 out of 4 of these is recycled.
- Recycling one ton of newspapers saves 17 trees from being cut down.
- Glass can be recycled over and over. It never wears out!
- Recycling just one bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours!

18 Earth-friendly things kids can do to celebrate Earth Day every day...

1. Enlist friends, hand out bags and clean up a nearby park.
2. Plant shrubs or a tree in your yard.
3. Start a vegetable garden in pots or a small plot.
4. Organize a clean up day at your school.
5. Create posters with environmental themes and ask teachers to post them in their classrooms.
6. Look for recycling symbols on products you or your parents buy. Purchase items in recyclable packaging whenever possible. Avoid products that use excess packaging.
7. Encourage your parents to carry a reusable shopping bag, and suggest they buy in bulk to minimize packaging waste.
8. Bicycle or walk to school rather than being driven by your parents (as long as Mom and Dad say it's safe).
9. Steer your parents toward organic pesticides, such as those made from orange extract.
10. Turn off lights, fans or the TV when you leave the room (unless your little brother is still in there).
11. Check your home for leaky faucets or toilets, and volunteer to help fix those in need of repair.
12. Don't leave water running while brushing your teeth or washing your face and hands.
13. Take shorter showers.
14. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean the driveway or sidewalk.
15. Remind your parents that washing the car less often saves water (and may get you out of the dreaded chore).
16. Ask your parents to raise (in the summer) or lower (in the winter) the thermostat a few degrees, telling them it will save energy as well as money.
17. Lower the blinds when the sun comes up, which deflects heat from the windows.
18. Offer to replace air filters. A clean filter helps the air-conditioner run more efficiently.



Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Earth Day Network (www.earthday.net)