

PARKWAY EARTH WEEK

APRIL 20 - 24, 2020

Join in the fun using
#parkwayearthweek



Monday, April 20 E Watershed Day	Tuesday, April 21 A Energy Day	Wednesday, April 22 R Earth Day	Thursday, April 23 T Consumption and Waste Day	Friday, April 24 H Arbor Day and Great Outdoors Day
Water Footprint Do you use more water than the average American family? Calculate your family's water use here.	Energy Scavenger Hunt With your family, use the energy tracker worksheets to calculate how you use energy in your home. More instructions here.	Citizen Science You can pitch in and help scientists by counting birds, taking pictures of bees, or even mapping squirrels. Choose a project here.	Zero Waste Meal Use only reusable plates, cups, bowls, and utensils. Avoid single use packaging like plastic bottles and snack bags.	Biodiversity Walk What organisms live near you? Take a walk and record what you find. Then draw a food chain or life cycle. Seek is a great app for identifying species
School Water Use How much water does your school use throughout the year? Use the Parkway Water Report to find out and compare schools.	Solar Power Click on the link to your school's solar panels to see how much power they are producing! Watch: Bill Nye explains how solar panels work	Bees Watch: Kids Learn Why Bees are Awesome Build a bee hotel . Visit Parkway North's Bee Boys site to learn more!	Virtual Field Trip Take a virtual field trip to a recycling facility . What happens to items after they are placed in the recycling bin?	Biodiversity Watch: Why is biodiversity so important? TED Talk
Clean it up With your family, go on a walk and collect litter in your neighborhood. Litter ends up in our streams and rivers	Lights Out Use the sun to light up your room. Turn off lights that don't need to be on.	Ecological Footprint Calculate how many Earths would we need if everyone lived your lifestyle.	Reuse Make your own upcycled art from items in your home that would otherwise be thrown away	Endangered Species What kinds of animals live in Missouri? Which species are endangered and how can we help?
Plastic Ocean Watch: How Big The Great Pacific Garbage Patch Really Is . How can you help keep plastics out of our waterways?	Solar Oven Use the power of the sun to make a snack on a sunny day! Find instructions here or watch a video	Share the fun! Use sidewalk chalk to share Earth Week art or inspirational words outside around your home.	Waste Audit Sort a day's worth of trash into the different waste streams and graph the results. More info here.	Biomimicry Pick an organism and design a product inspired by that organism. Watch: Plagiarizing Nature for ideas
Rain Garden Draw out plans for a rain garden at home or in your neighborhood. Watch: Rain Gardens - Storm water pollution solutions for ideas	Energy Goals Use the Sustainability Department's district dashboard to look at Parkway's energy use and costs. What is our energy reduction goal?	Get outside Take a book outside and read	Food Waste Watch: Kids Go Green - Reducing Food Waste . How could you use one of these ideas in your home, school or community? Create a plan.	Explore Go outside and conduct an A-Z Scavenger Hunt or Color Scavenger Hunt



Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with Parkway's Earth Week!

Why: To have fun while promoting environmental stewardship to prepare students to positively respond to an ever-changing world. Sustainability best practices are important, both at school and at home, to develop ethical and global citizenship skills in our students and we must model best practices.

How:

1. Choose an activity from the EARTH Bingo board or create your own Earth friendly activity
2. Complete the activity and take a photo while you're doing it
3. Earn points for your school by submitting the activity to the [Points Reporting Form](#)
 - a. Under "type of activity" select EARTH Bingo board or Create Your Own
 - b. Submit the form each day with your photos for maximum points!!

When: Earth Week is April 20-24, 2020

Ideas to engage your entire school:

- Post the Earth Week board on your school's social media
 - [Download the image](#)
- Spread the word to students, families, and staff
- Include the Earth Week Bingo board in your school newsletter
- Advertise each day's theme and color to your school.
- Have students and staff wear the color of the day and take a picture.
- Hold an Earth friendly spirit week
- Tweet daily to @parkwayssc using #parkwayearthweek to share what your school/class is doing for Earth Week

*Adapted from Fairfax County Public Schools' Get 2 Green program