

EARTH WEEK

ACTIVITY IDEAS



MEATLESS MONDAYS



TRASHLESS TUESDAYS



WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS



THIRSTY THURSDAYS



LIGHTS FREE FRIDAYS

ENVIRONMENTALLY-THEMED ASSEMBLIES

- Student performances: green-themed musical, play, readings, or interactive theatre
- Invite a local musician or sing Earth-themed songs
- Invite a local storyteller, First Nations storyteller, or motivational speaker
- Host a student-created quiz about the environment, such as “Who Wants to be an Environmentalist?” or “Amazing Race Environmental”

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

- Prepare school gardens for Spring
- Plant a native species seed for each student
- Plant a tree and create a student-led maintenance plan
- Uncover the mystery of composting with composting workshops/lessons
- Plant/herb sale in the community
- Whole school walking or biking to school
- Lead interpretive hikes
- Eco scavenger hunt or geocaching
- Outdoor challenges such as no-trace camping skills, wildlife/plant identification, orienteering

GREEN FOOD & DRINK

- Sell reusable water bottles
- Eco-themed fair-trade Coffee House with student talent show
- Plant-based meals served in cafeteria – Meatless Meals or Meatless Monday
- Earth Day cake with local ingredients
- Waste free lunches

WHOLE SCHOOL

- Buy or swap gently used books, toys, clothing, winter and spring coat exchange
- Daily environmental questions with waste free prizes for winners
- Encourage students to take action with environmental pledges
- Mural demonstrating commitment to an environmentally friendly school culture

Earth Day Lesson Plans & Projects

See our guide, *Making Connections: Elementary learning activities in, about and for the environment*, available on the Ontario EcoSchools website (www.ontarioecoschools.org) for elementary environmental learning activities and lesson plans.

This list of activities is to help enhance the learning experience and does not necessarily qualify for points in EcoSchools certification. Please check certification criteria for details.