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• UPDATED • PGCPS SCHOOLS 'GO GREEN' FOR EARTH DAY 2010

WHO: Prince George's County public schools

WHAT: Earth Day Celebrations

WHEN: April 22, 2010

FEATURED EARTH DAY EVENT!

WHO: John Hanson Montessori students, staff, and special guests

WHAT: Earth Spirit Week Culminating Event

WHEN: April 30, 2010 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

WHERE: John Hanson Montessori School
6360 Oxon Hill Road • Oxon Hill, Maryland

BACKGROUND:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will observe Earth Day through special events and activities highlighting ecology, conservation, and other "green" initiatives.

On April 30, students and staff will host a culminating event for their "Earth Spirit Week" joined by special guests. Jon Traunfeld, Master Gardener from the University of Maryland, will show students and teachers how to grow healthy salad greens in the school's newly built salad tables. Charlene Shaw from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will give a presentation to upper elementary students on the "incredible, Edible Aquifer." Becky Williams, naturalist from the Alice Ferguson Foundation, will share information with students entitled,

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“Trash Timeline,” and Mike Snow, organic farmer with the Accokeek Foundation, will share his organic farming skills with students. All students will also participate in a school clean up.

A detailed list of PGCPs planned activities is attached. Please check the school system Web site for updates at www.pgcps.org.

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MEDIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EARTH DAY 2010

April 22, 2010

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL	EVENT
4/20-21	7:45 a.m.- 2:25 p.m.	Parkdale HS 6001 Good Luck Rd., Riverdale Michele Siebert at 301-513-5700 x3085	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in Michele Siebert's ninth-grade classes will participate in an annual clean up event at their school to remove trash from school grounds and the surrounding area.
4/21-23	All Day	Charles Carroll MS 6130 Lamont Dr., New Carrollton Ms. Washington at 301-918-8651	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science teachers will show a video to students entitled, "6° Could Change the World." Science classes and members of the school's Beautification Team will complete an erosion control project on school grounds.
4/22	8 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Judge Sylvania W. Woods ES 3000 Church St., Glenarden Donna Smith at 301-925-2840	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in all grades will participate in an Earth Day Conference entitled, "Solving Global Issues, One School at a Time." Students will create pollution awareness posters, participate in litter demonstrations, create Earth Day arts and crafts, beautify the Earth with plants, and play interactive games.
4/22	All Day	Beacon Heights ES 6929 Furman Pkwy., Riverdale Lynne Stuewe at 301-918-8700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will wear blue shirts to represent the Earth's clean air and water.
4/23	All Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will wear green shirts to represent the Earth's trees and grasses; will make class banner and milk carton bird feeders; and take part in games and talk about the important of protecting Earth's resources.
	1:15 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate in an Earth Day Parade to display their class banners, beautify their school, and enjoy an eco-friendly treat. After the parade, winners of the Grades 3-6 essay contest will read their essays during the school's TV show, "Beacon Live."

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4/22	All Day	Gaywood ES 6701 97 th Ave., Lanham Valerie Leonard at 301-918-8730	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in kindergarten through Grade 6 participated in their Third Annual Plastic Bag Recycling Contest, collecting 6,925 bags from April 12-16. All students and staff will be given reusable canvas bags on Earth Day that were donated to the school.• Students can take part in extra credit work by answering Earth conservation questions posted in the hallways throughout the school.
4/22	All Day	Marlton ES 8506 Old Colony Dr., Upper Marlboro Debra Wilson-Smith at 301-952-7780	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students at Marlton partnered with the Safeway in Upper Marlboro to work on Earth Day groceries projects from April 14-22. On April 22, students and staff will wear a green shirt to school to commemorate their “green” efforts.
4/22	All Day	Vansville ES 6813 Ammendale Rd., Beltsville Tom Smith at 301-931-2830	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During science classes throughout the day, students and staff will design t-shirts online, which can then be purchased by their families. The shirts are made of 100% organic cotton, low pollution dyes, and are shipped with labels printed on seed paper that can be planted to grow wildflowers.
	TBD		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in the Vansville Science Club will stencil storm drains around their school with reminders to the community not to dump toxins into them that can harm the Chesapeake Bay.
5/8	9 a.m.-Noon	Northwestern HS 7000 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville Eve Ribeiro at 301-675-3463	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northwestern HS students and staff will host a community cleanup event in their school’s neighborhood.
4/26-4/30	All Day	John Hanson Montessori 6360 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill Lynn Hollyfield at 301-749-4052	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Hanson Montessori students will participate in “Earth Spirit Week” activities throughout the week organized by their school’s Green Team.
4/30	9 a.m.- 3 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The week will culminate in a special event on April 30. Special guests will come to the school to speak with students on gardening, irrigation, water supply, biodegrading timeline of trash, organic farming, and more. Guests include representatives from the University of Maryland, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Accokeek Foundation, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

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