

Good Morning,

As you probably know, **Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22nd**. We wanted to send along some school-wide activities and contests to help you celebrate. Additionally, the week following Spring Break will be Service Week. During this week, each grade level should plan to do a service project. Service Day/Week has been a part of PPPCS programming since the school's inception. It's a great time for students to give back to their community while tying in real-world activities to their curriculum. It's an opportunity for students to discuss the needs of their community, plan and carry out projects, and reflect on their learning and experience. Additionally, there is a limited amount of funds available for environmentally focused projects from the GHSC Grant. Please reach out to Ms. Gutting or myself if you have a request for funding or purchasing of supplies. Ms. Osler is overseeing Service Day for grades 5-8, Ms. Gutting and Ms. Gowans will be assisting with PreK-4th.

Contests/Activities:

- **Bulletin Boards/Doors:** We will be holding a bulletin board and/or door decorating contest around Earth Day and environmentally focused activities. Doors and bulletin boards should be completed by April 28th. Prizes will be awarded to the teacher, as well as your students.
- **Environmental Lesson/Activity:** Next year will be our renewal year for our Green Schools designation. Being a Maryland Green School allows us special funding for field trips, as well as invitations to participate in other trips and activities that we would not otherwise have access to. To complete our application, we need photos of students engaged in environmental lessons, activities and trips for each grade level. This is a great time to collect this documentation. Please send us any photos to be entered into this contest, as well as to be highlighted in our Green Schools Application. You can email any photos to jodi.gowans@bluebirdnet.org. You can also text them if that is easier (410-409-5238). All staff that send photos, will be entered to win a \$20 gift card to a local establishment of your choice!

Resources:

- This is a [folder](#) filled with Earth Day and environmental activities for each grade level.
- As the weather is warming up, trash becomes more abundant in the park. Stop by room 011 if you want to borrow trash grabbers, buckets and gloves for a clean up day!

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