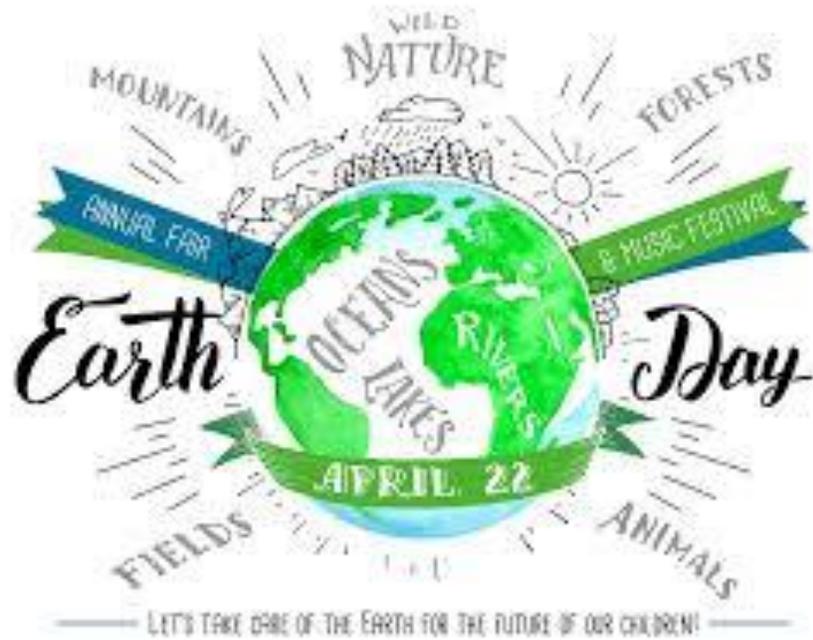


Earth Day

April 22nd





When is Earth Day 2020?

Earth Day is April 22 of every year. April 22, 2020 will mark 50 years of Earth Day.

What is the theme for Earth Day?

- ▶ The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary.
- ▶ Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable, livable.



What is the history of Earth Day?

- ▶ Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis — oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire.
- ▶ On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.
- ▶ The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.



What was the result of the first Earth Day?

- ▶ The first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws.
- ▶ Earth Day continues to hold major international significance: In 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day when the historic Paris Agreement on climate change was signed into force.



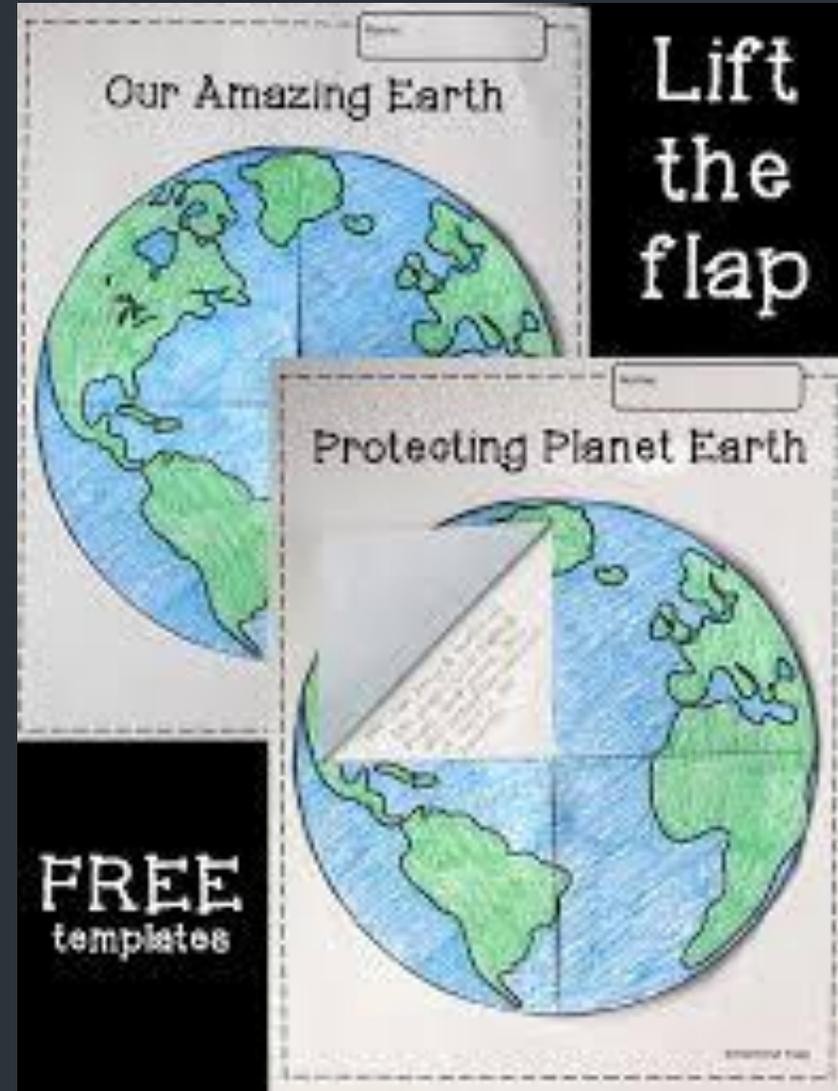
What can I do for Earth Day 2020?

- ▶ The world needs you — and your actions — for Earth Day 2020.
- ▶ There's so much you can do to help protect and restore our planet, from joining a cleanup or climate strike, to taking part in the world's largest citizen science initiative, to hosting an event in your own community!



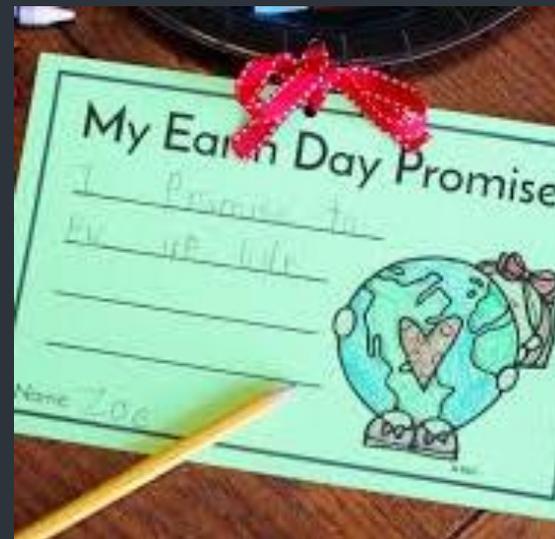
Make a pledge and a plan to take action

- ▶ Writing down a commitment and making a plan are two actions that increase the likelihood that someone will follow through. So if you want those Earth Day lessons to stick, this is an easy activity to do with students of any age. This is a great way to incorporate an art project with a writing prompt.



Integrate art projects

- Art projects are a fun way to add a hands-on activity to a lesson about Earth Day. Creating art can also help students feel connected to environmental topics, even if the issues you're studying are happening far away from home. It's also a great way to help them imagine the world they want to live in.
- Here are a few examples of art projects for Earth Day:





Make signs for school and at home

- Sometimes we just need a little reminder to help us change our habits. Have students think about what they can do at school and at home to help the environment and how they can encourage others to change their habits

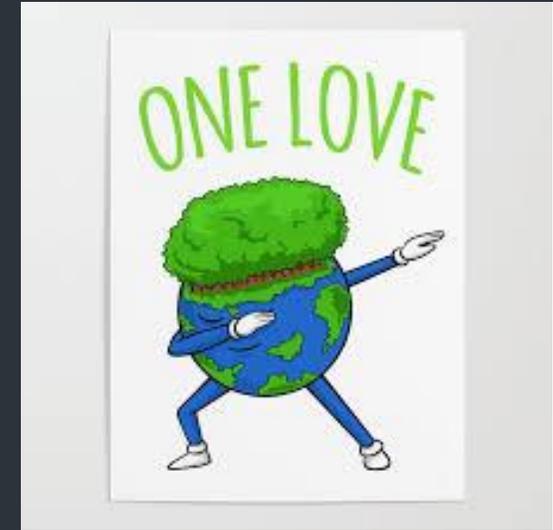


Pick up trash around your school

- ▶ Trash clean-ups are another hands-on activity you don't even have to leave the school grounds to do. To make a bigger impact, have students write down what kinds of trash they pick up and where. After analyzing the data together, you can find patterns and explore solutions so you can stop the trash at the source.



LOVE OUR PLANET



THANK YOU

Remember:

- ▶ We have to care our planet, our home, our place, our space

