



# 2019-2020 MONTHLY PATHWAY PLANNING CALENDAR

## AUGUST



### CONSUMPTION & WASTE

#### ACTION DAYS

##### Water Quality Month

- 9-International Day of Worlds Indigenous People
- 12-International Youth Day
- 12-World Elephant Day
- 14-World Lizard Day
- 17-National Honey Bee Day
- 19-Shark Week

## SEPTEMBER



### LEARNING ABOUT FORESTS

#### ACTION DAYS

##### Green Apple Day of Service

##### Hispanic Heritage Month

- 14-National Estuaries Week
- 18-World Water Monitoring Day
- 26-National Public Lands Day



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#### ACTIVITIES

- Set calendar dates for the year's Eco-Action Team meetings.
- Welcome custodial, facilities and grounds staff back to school and invite them to join the team.
- Actively recruit new members to join the Eco-Action Team.
- Conduct a bin inventory and replace broken or missing receptacles.
- Create and share a zero waste and recycling role play or video.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Plant native trees on your school grounds or in your local community
- Use the SEEK app to identify the trees on or near the school.
- Replace invasive and non-native trees and shrubs with natives.
- Update your Eco-Schools USA dashboard with goals for the school year.
- Plan and register a project with Green Apple Day of Service.



## OCTOBER



### SUSTAINABLE FOOD

#### ACTION DAYS

**National Farm to School Month**  
**Filipino Heritage Month**  
**Italian Heritage Month**  
**LGBT History Month**  
**Polish Heritage Month**  
 5-World Habitat Day  
 7-National Walk to School Day  
 12-National Indigenous People's Day  
**13-19-Earth Science Week**  
 24-International Day of Climate Action



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#### ACTIVITIES

- Learn more about Farm to School programs in your local school district.
- Help make healthy food accessible in your community through local outreach events.
- Establish an edible garden at your school.

## NOVEMBER



### CLIMATE CHANGE

#### ACTION DAYS

**National Native Heritage Month**  
 1-World Vegan Day  
 15-America Recycles Day



#### ACTIVITIES

- Learn the science behind climate change and take action in your local community.
- Work to reduce your school's transportation emissions.
- Find out what is happening in your state legislature regarding Climate Change.
- Explore Green Careers through the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders website.



## DECEMBER/JANUARY

## FEBRUARY



### BIODIVERSITY



### HEALTHY SCHOOLS

#### ACTION DAYS

**GLOBE Research Symposia**  
**Universal Human Rights Month**  
 5-International Volunteer Day  
 5-World Soil Day

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**GLOBE Research Symposia**  
 2-World Wetlands Day  
 11-International Day of Girls and Women in Science  
 20-World Day of Social Justice  
 27-International Polar Bear Day



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#### ACTIVITIES

- Assess your mid-year progress towards an Eco-Schools USA award.
- Be sure to link your Eco-Action team's work with the curriculum.
- Plan to participate in a citizen science project such as the Great Backyard Bird Count.
- Encourage students to keep a nature notebook.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Conduct an awareness campaign regarding exposure to BPA in reusable plastic containers.
- Take steps to improve indoor air quality at school.
- Work with custodial and grounds staff to consider eliminating pesticides and increase the use of green cleaning products.



## MARCH



### WATER

#### ACTION DAYS

**Women's History Month**  
**Gender Equality Month**  
**Irish-American Heritage Month**  
**Greek-American Heritage Month**  
**3-World Wildlife Day**  
**8-International Women's Day**  
**21-International Day of Forests**  
**22-World Water Day**

## APRIL



### SCHOOLYARD HABITATS®

#### ACTION DAYS

**Earth Month**  
**Community Service Month**  
**Arab-American Heritage Month**  
**Scottish-American Heritage Month**  
**Celebrate Diversity Month**  
**6-10 National Wildlife Week**  
**7-National Healthy Schools Day**  
**20-Environmental Education Week**  
**22-Earth Day (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
**24-Arbor Day**



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#### ACTIVITIES

- Help bring awareness to the issues being highlighted on World Water Day.
- Work to ensure your school is using water-efficient irrigation practices.
- If your school has a garden, utilize a rain barrel or set up another water collection system for watering plants and trees.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Celebrate your environmental successes with an all-school assembly or event in your outdoor classroom.
- Determine if there is a need and plan now for fall planting.
- Plan a school-wide outdoor activity to take place during Environmental Education Week.



## MAY



### TRANSPORTATION

#### ACTION DAYS

**Garden for Wildlife Month**  
**Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month**  
**Jewish Heritage Month**  
**National Wildfire Awareness Month**  
**American Wetlands Month**  
**4-8-Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**6-National Bike to School Day**  
**9-International Migratory Bird Day**  
**15-Endangered Species Day**  
**15-National Bike to Work Day**  
**20-World Bee Day**  
**22-International Day of Biological Diversity**

## JUNE



### WATERSHEDS, OCEANS & WETLANDS

#### ACTION DAYS

**Great Outdoors Month**  
**Carribbean Heritage Month**  
**LGBTQ Pride Month**  
**5-World Environment Day**  
**6-National Trails Day**  
**8-World Oceans Day**  
**15-National Pollinator Week**  
**16-World Sea Turtle Day**  
**21-International Climate Change Day**  
**22-World Rainforest Day**



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#### ACTIVITIES

- Determine the “walkability” of your community using the checklist found in Section 2.1.9 on our website.
- Create an awareness campaign for National Bike to School Day.
- Don’t forget to apply for an Eco-Schools Award once you have met all the criteria.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Apply for an Eco-Schools USA award once your school has met all the criteria.
- Take action for World Oceans Day by organizing a community clean-up of a local waterway.
- Learn more about the importance of your local wastewater treatment facility.
- Create signs or artwork that help protect storm drains from pollution.