2019-2020 MONTHLY PATHWAY PLANNING CALENDAR

AUGUST

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

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.

SEPTEMBER

ACTION DAYS
Green Apple Day of Service
Hispanic Heritage Month
14-National Estuaries Week
18-World Water Monitoring Day
26-National Public Lands Day

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.

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## ACTIONS DAYS

### OCTOBER
- **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**

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

## ACTIVITIES

**OCTOBER**
- 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**
- 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.

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### DECEMBER/JANUARY

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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.

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### 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

**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
- 9-13-National Wildlife Week
- 21-International Day of Forests
- 22-World Water Day

**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.

### APRIL

**ACTION DAYS**
- Earth Month
- Community Service Month
- Arab-American Heritage Month
- Scottish-American Heritage Month
- Celebrate Diversity Month
- 7-National Healthy Schools Day
- 20-Environmental Education Week
- 22-Earth Day (50th Anniversary)
- 24-Arbor Day

**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.

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### MAY

**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

**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.

### JUNE

**ACTION DAYS**
- Great Outdoors Month
- Caribbean 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

**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.

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