

TEN MONTHS OF PEARL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MONTH	FUN THINGS TO DO	POINTS EARNED
SEPTEMBER	<p>DISPLAY A MAP OF YOUR WATERSHED!- Display the location of your school within your watershed to show students where they are within their local watershed. Contact Education@LRNow.org to get a FREE Map</p>	5
	<p>WORLD-WIDE WATER MONITORING DAY (Sept 18)- Go to the website and order a water testing kit through EarthEcho. Test the water near your school and send in the results. This is a great way to connect with schools around the world and be part of a Citizen Science program. http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/order-kits</p>	10
	<p>PEARL HOME CAMPAIGN- Help spread the word about sustainability that starts at the home! Applications are on line. Give us the completed applications and we will deliver the flags to you for distribution.</p>	10
	<p>ADOPT A SPOT- Find a park, trail, or waterway near you that needs a little TLC and commit to cleaning it up. This is a great opportunity to teach environmental and civic responsibility. http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/caring-for-our-parks/Pages/adopt-a-programs.aspx</p>	10
OCTOBER	<p>PLANT A FALL GARDEN- It's not too late! Carrots, radishes, lettuce, and spinach can all be planted in early Oct. Practice chemical free gardening and learn how growing your own food is good for the planet. Plant pretty Fall Natives like Purple Cone flower. http://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-dates/VA/Virginia+Beach</p>	10
	<p>CATCH THE KING! - Help map the high tide where you live or work on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Download the app and get your students involved. To sign up or learn more catchthekingtide@gmail.com. Register at http://bit.ly/catchtheking</p>	10
NOVEMBER	<p>TAKE A FIELDTRIP- It's getting cold out so take it inside. A visit to a place like the Virginia Aquarium always reminds us of the non-human residents of our state and why it's important for us to protect them.</p>	5
	<p>TRASH TALKING TURTLE Get creative! Do a clean-up of the school grounds and make a sea turtle out of plastic bags, paper, balloons, and all the other things you find and display it around the school. This will remind you that what you throw away can get into the waterways and harm wildlife. https://trashtalkingturtles.files.wordpress.com/2012/06/trash-talking-turtles-first-edition.pdf</p>	10
DECEMBER	<p>GIVE RECYCLABLES A NEW LOOK- Make some winter crafts with recyclable materials! Keep those holiday shopping bags out of our landfill by making them into wreaths. Here's the link: http://www.favecrafts.com/Christmas-Decorations/Wreath-Made-With-Plastic-Bags. You can also make snowflakes out of paper towel rolls here: http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Snowflakes-from-an-Empty-Toilet-Paper-Roll</p>	10
	<p>GREEN LUNCH/ GREEN HOLIDAY CHALLENGE- Encourage students and staff to pack environmentally friendly lunches using cloth napkins and reusable containers. Challenge them to minimize waste over the holidays too.</p>	10

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	RUN A SCOOP THE POOP CAMPAIGN- It's important to remind people to clean up after their dogs, even when it's cold outside! All that waste pollutes the waterways. (Contact Stormwater Management Office TCopeland@vbgov.com to get materials.	10
FEBRUARY	VALENTINE TO CHESAPEAKE BAY/LYNNHAVEN RIVER- Students can design Valentine posters for the Chesapeake Bay or Lynnhaven River that reflect all the benefits that the bodies of water provide (AKA all the reasons to love the Bay/River!)	10
	LYNNHAVEN TRASHION SHOW- Come out to Lynnhaven Mall on February 23 and participate in the Trashion Show, volunteer or just come out to support the schools. Shows are 1-3 and 5-7, with entertainment between shows.	20
MARCH	PROMOTE EARTH HOUR (March 30, 2019)- We turn off our lights from 8:30 to 9:30 pm during this global event. Have students make posters to be displayed reminding everyone to participate. Think about how much energy that can be conserved if we all do our part! http://www.earthhour.org/celebrating-earth-hour	5
	PLANT A BUTTERFLY GARDEN USING NATIVE PLANTS- Plants that are native to Virginia are perfect for butterfly gardens. They don't need lots of pampering and they won't take over. Best of all, they are the ideal food source for native butterflies. www.LRNnow.org . Pick up a Native Plant Guide at the LRNnow office	10
APRIL	EARTH DAY REPURPOSED ART CONTEST- Earth Day is Monday, April 22. Have students create works of art using unwanted and discarded materials. Display the works for the week of Earth Day and have students vote for the best projects.	10
	CLEAN UP/PICNIC DAY- Spend an hour picking up litter or collecting shells and other natural "treasure," then spread out blankets and have a trash-free picnic at a local park like First Landing State Park! Look for wildlife, talk about the impact of humans on their habitats, and think of ways that we can live in harmony with these creatures.	5
MAY	SPEND THE DAY OUTSIDE AT PLEASURE HOUSE POINT OR ANOTHER NATURAL AREA- Do a trail scavenger hunt, go bird watching, sit quietly and journal, look for signs of animals, do water quality testing or check out a BUCKET program. Don't forget to pick up any trash you see.	10
	"UPCYCLE" CARDBOARD INTO PICTURE FRAMES FOR MOM- Give mom the gift she really wants, a creative picture frame crafted with care and a photo of her new favorite child inside.	5
JUNE	PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN THE BAY DAY- It's always the first Saturday in June. Show your commitment to the environment as well as your school spirit by wearing school colors and participating in this important local event. http://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/	10
	KEEP YOUR GARDEN ALIVE- Don't neglect your gardens over summer break. Open them to staff members or your students' families who pledge to practice organic gardening techniques when growing their crops.	5