

# PEARL SCHOOL ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR 2020-2021

FUN THINGS TO DO	POINTS EARNED
<p><b>DISPLAY A MAP OF YOUR WATERSHED!</b> - 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><b>WHERE IS THE WATERSHED IS WALLY?-</b> Go to our website <a href="http://www.lrnnow.org">www.lrnnow.org</a> and download Wally the Water drop. Take him to a local park, your school grounds or a favorite spot and take a picture of Wally. Send us the picture, along with the location and maybe something fun about what Wally is doing. Send to <a href="mailto:education@LRNow.org">education@LRNow.org</a> We will post them on our Facebook Page. Maximum of 30 points</p>	3
<p><b>PEARL HOME CAMPAIGN-</b> Help spread the word about sustainability that starts at the home! Applications are on line. We will deliver the flags to you for distribution or to the families directly. <a href="https://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/vb-residents/">https://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/vb-residents/</a></p>	15
<p><b>ADOPT A SPOT-</b> Find a park, trail, or waterway near you that needs a little TLC and as a family commit to cleaning it up. This is a great opportunity to teach environmental and civic responsibility. You will need to visit and clean that spot 6 times a year. <a href="http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/caring-for-our-parks/Pages/adopt-a-programs.aspx">http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/caring-for-our-parks/Pages/adopt-a-programs.aspx</a></p>	20
<p><b>FAMILIES CAN PLANT A TREE-</b> Trees should be planted in the spring and fall. Check out the native trees that grow in this area and find one that is right for you. Trees help us by cleaning the air, capturing CO2 and storing it, providing shade, cleaning the water and providing food for many animals, including us.</p>	10
<p><b>SHOUT TO THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE A PEARL SCHOOL-</b> You worked hard for your Pearl School Award, now write an article, Facebook post or add a piece to your website to let the rest of the community know about the award and what you did to earn it! Be sure to link it to our site as well.</p>	5
<p><b>JOIN US IN CELEBRATING YOUR WATERSHED-</b> Did you know that Virginia Beach is divided into eight different sub-watersheds? Each month, we will be focusing on a different watershed. You can help by taking pictures of the things your school has been doing during COVID to help the watershed and submit the pictures and a short write-up to <a href="mailto:education@lrnow.org">education@lrnow.org</a>.</p>	5
<p><b>TRASH CLEAN UP-</b> Do a clean-up of the school grounds, local park or neighborhood streets. If possible, weigh your bags. Send us a pictures of you with your “haul”, your location and the weight (if you have it). We will post pictures on Facebook and Instagram.</p>	10

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<p><b>GIVE TRASH A NEW LOOK-</b> Make some winter crafts with recyclable materials. You can make snowflakes out of paper towel rolls here: <a href="http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Snowflakes-from-an-Empty-Toilet-Paper-Roll">http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Snowflakes-from-an-Empty-Toilet-Paper-Roll</a>. Send us pictures and other craft ideas you have done with trash.</p>	10
<p><b>GROW SOME FOOD-</b> Did you know that you can regrow vegetables from scraps? Carrots, sweet potatoes, and green onions are easy ones to start with. <a href="https://www.ruralsprout.com/regrow-vegetables/">https://www.ruralsprout.com/regrow-vegetables/</a>. Families and classes can earn 3 points for growing vegetables from seeds or scraps. Growing your own food reduces carbon emissions. Maximum 30 points</p>	3
<p><b>JOIN THE SCOOP THE POOP DOGS-</b> Send us pictures of your dog to post on our Scoop the Poop Dog page. Please include the dog's name, your name, where you live and why it is important to scoop up dog poop. Maximum 30 points</p>	3
<p><b>PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSTAINABLE YARDS PROGRAM-</b> Anyone who lives in the Lynnhaven Watershed can take advantage of a city grant program to get a rain barrel or lawn plan. Check out our website for more information and a link to apply. <a href="https://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/sustainable-yards-program/">https://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/sustainable-yards-program/</a>. 3 points for each family that participates in the grant, Maximum 30 points.</p>	3
<p><b>PROMOTE EARTH HOUR (March 27)-</b> 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 <a href="https://www.earthhour.org/take-part">https://www.earthhour.org/take-part</a></p>	5
<p><b>PLANT A BUTTERFLY GARDEN USING NATIVE PLANTS-</b> 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. <a href="http://www.LRNow.org">www.LRNow.org</a>. download a Native Plant Guide <a href="https://www.plantvirginiannatives.org/plant-southeast-virginia-natives">https://www.plantvirginiannatives.org/plant-southeast-virginia-natives</a></p>	10
<p><b>EARTH DAY REPURPOSED ART CONTEST-</b> Earth Day is Wednesday, 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.</p>	10
<p><b>PICNIC DAY-</b> have a trash-free picnic at a local 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.</p>	5

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<p><b>SPEND THE DAY OUTSIDE AT NATURAL AREA-</b> Do a trail scavenger hunt, go bird watching, sit quietly and journal or look for signs of animals. Don't forget to pick up any trash you see.</p>	<p>10</p>
<p><b>"UPCYCLE" CARDBOARD INTO PICTURE FRAMES FOR MOM-</b> Give mom the gift she really wants, a creative picture frame crafted with care and a photo of her child inside.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><b>PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN THE BAY DAY-</b> 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.  <a href="https://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/index.html">https://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/index.html</a></p>	<p>10</p>
<p><b>KEEP YOUR GARDEN ALIVE-</b> 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.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><b>DO A TRASH/ENERGY AUDIT OF YOUR HOME-</b> Using a simple online form, keep track of how much trash you generate or energy you use over a month. Look for ways that you can reduce both and save money.  <a href="https://www.goingzerowaste.com/blog/how-to-perform-a-trash-audit/">https://www.goingzerowaste.com/blog/how-to-perform-a-trash-audit/</a>  <a href="https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/home-energy-audits/do-it-yourself-home-energy-audits">https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/home-energy-audits/do-it-yourself-home-energy-audits</a>            3 points/family. Maximum 30 points</p>	<p>3</p>
<p><b>GET REWARDED FOR FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION IN 2020.</b> If you filled out and submitted a Pearl School Award application in 2020, then you are eligible to receive 10 extra points for going above and beyond. Be sure to add them at the end of the Group II section</p>	<p>10</p>