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Did you know? Earth Day Edition



Earth Day is a worldwide event! On Earth Day in 2016 120 countries signed an agreement to enforce active climate protection.

In 1969 activist John McConnell while at a UNESCO conference proposed a day to honor the Earth and peach to be observed on March 21, 1970 - the first day of spring of that year.

United States Senator Gaylord Nelson founded a separate Earth Day on April 22, 1970 as an environmental "teach-in." And was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his work.

.It is said that the name "Earth Day" came from an associate of Senator Nelson's who thought it up because April 22 was his birthday and it rhymed with "Earth Day." John McConnell also claimed ownership of "Earth Day."

The first Earth Day celebrations took place at thousands of colleges, universities, primary and secondary schools and communities. President Nixon and his wife planted a tree on the White House South Lawn to recognize Earth Day.

Denis Hayes (who was on the committee for the original United States Earth Day in 1970) took it international in 1990. There were events in 141 countries!

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EARTH DAY 2020

This is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and EarthDay.org has chosen Climate Change as their theme for the year.

“Despite that amazing success and decades of environmental progress, we find ourselves facing an even more dire, almost existential, set of global environmental challenges, from loss of biodiversity to climate change to plastic pollution, that call for action at all levels of government,” said Denis Hayes, the organizer of the first Earth Day in 1970 and Earth Day Network’s Board Chair Emeritus.

*“Progress has slowed, climate change impacts grow, and our adversaries have become better financed,” said Earth Day Network president Kathleen Rogers. “We find ourselves today in a world facing global threats that demand a unified global response. For Earth Day 2020, we will build a new generation of environmentalist activists, engaging millions of people worldwide.”**



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Billion Acts of Green

The EarthDay.org program "Billion Acts of Green" is recording all actions taken to help end climate change. Their goal for 2020 is to record 3.5 billion acts of green!

What can you do?

- Is your school having an Earth Day event? Have it registered with EarthDay.org to count towards their billion acts of green. Even if YOU are the only one doing something you can still have it count towards the billion acts of green!
- Find out if your community is having an event and have it registered with EarthDay.org

What is an act of green?

- Advocate for plant based foods served at your school.
- Volunteering for cleanup at a local park or in your community or school.
- Planting a pollinator garden or a tree.
- Recycling and encourage others to recycle, too.
- Using reusable bags and water bottles.
- Using glass storage containers.



Find out more at <https://www.earthday.org/take-action-now/>

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EARTH DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

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1. IAR

2. MNILAA

3. BNCEAAL

4. UITEUABLF

5. NMYMITCUO

6. ANSCOEROTNVI

7. RSEECTRUA

8. RTEHA

9. EERDNADENG

10. RYGNEE

11. NNRTEIENMOV

12. TOSEFR

13. ERUFTU

14. OLBLGA

15. SGSRA

16. ATIBATH

17. UFRHMLA

18. HYHEATL

19. OMHE

20. DALN

conservation air healthy grass home animal land energy global habitat environment
balance forest earth community harmful future beautiful endangered creatures