

Bobcats Mid Month Update

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Bobcats love our Earth



April 22nd marks Earth Day around the world.

Between now and Earth Day we are learning about and celebrating all that our planet gifts us, as well as exploring how we can be better stewards of our earth.

Here are some of the events happening at Bothwell. . .

April 19th – 22nd

Our K-7 Deep Dive into Outdoor Learning

We pledge to get outside every day to explore, wonder, play and learn throughout the week. We will do this rain (snow!) or shine! The benefits of being in nature are vast. [Follow this link](#) to read an excellent article with a summary of the research. We plan to enjoy some rich learning experiences throughout the week ahead:

Children learn best through play. The need for unstructured play and experiential experiences in nature are essential components of wholesome child development. In nature, children do not need to wait for adult direction as the natural world invites children to act on their own inquisitiveness in a uniquely engaging environment. This leads to ordinary scientific learning and invites new depths of curiosity....



It is helpful when you watch the weather report with your child each day and help them dress accordingly. Packing an extra pair of pants, shoes/boots and socks is always a good idea for children of all ages.

Thank you for your support!

Earth Day Spirit Day Dress Up

Students and staff are invited to dress up on April 22nd to celebrate the diversity of life on our planet:

- Dress in blues and greens;
- Dress as a favourite animal of the forest, sea or jungle (maybe even a Bobcat!)



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Community Movie and Fundraiser:

Our Planet
(Episode One)
by David Attenborough

You are invited to celebrate Earth Day with us by watching one of David Attenborough's amazing nature documentaries in the gym after school.

The film is 50 minutes long and rated "PG" as it depicts scenes from nature (such as predator/prey relationships).

Details are below:

When: Friday, April 22nd from 2.50 - 3.50 pm

Where: Bothwell Elementary gym - please line up outside the front gym doors after school. Tickets are not required.

Cost: Entry by donation

Funds will support the Upper Thames River Conversation in Ontario. This small non-profit organisation works to save and protect endangered species struggling to survive in our watersheds.

You may wonder, "Why Ontario?" Ms. Austin, one of our LST teachers, personally knows Mr. Scott Gillingwater who manages this organisation and knows the amazing work they do.

Our goal is to raise funds to help protect endangered aquatic species such as snapping and spotted turtles. They require an incubator for baby turtles hatching along Thames River.

We hope to see you there!

Make a Promise to our Earth: K-7 Art Project

All staff and students are invited to share one action they can undertake to help restore the health of our planet. This will be recorded on a giant Earth that will be displayed outside (if not raining) on Earth Day.

Some ideas we'll be talking about include:



PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU			
<p>BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS</p> 	<p>reduce REUSE recycle</p>  <p>Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.</p>	<p>choose sustainable</p>  <p>seafood</p> <p>Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.</p>	<p>Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.</p>  <p>PLANT A TREE</p>
<p>EDUCATE</p>  <p>When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.</p>	<p>CONSERVE WATER</p>  <p>The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.</p>	<p>-SHOP- WISELY</p>  <p>Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.</p>	<p>Don't send chemicals into our waterways.</p>  <p>Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.</p>
<p>Volunteer!</p>  <p>Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!</p>	<p>Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA</p>  <p>Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!</p>		