



WCC Celebrates Mother Earth

Did you know that Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, holds tremendous historical significance? Originating in 1970 as a response to environmental issues of the time, particularly following the devastating Santa Barbara oil spill, United States Senator Gaylord Nelson created this pivotal event. Earth Day was designed to elevate awareness and drive action towards environmental protection, ultimately paving the way for the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and crucial environmental legislation.

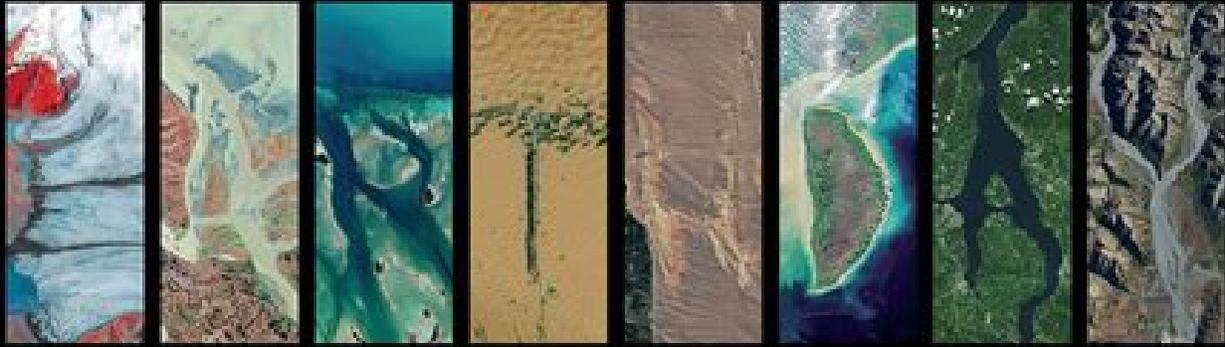
WCC celebrates our planet year long with class instruction, recycling, nature awareness and walks and much more. On Earth Day, April 22nd, we celebrate in our own special way; each WCC campus readies the soil and plants beautiful flowers. This is just one small way for children to learn about being good caregivers of our planet. We are also planting seeds in fertile minds about how we all have an obligation to care for our planet.

Happy Earth Day!

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sibby'.





EARTH DAY

Celebrate Earth from space with NASA



School Wide News

Weather Changes and Allergy Season

The change to spring is always welcomed unless you have seasonal allergies. Please be sure to have layers of clothes on hand for your child and to make sure they are best equipped to handle pollen allergies. Runny eyes and noses can present as allergies so please watch for the common cold too! Please keep your child home if they are sick to avoid the spread of the flu, Covid, RSV, colds, etc.



2026-27 School Year Enrollment-- Limited Spots Remain

We are near full capacity for our next school year with only a few open positions available in our 3's and 4's classes. Be sure to register or remind your family and friends to visit: wccbethesda.com today for registration materials.

Important Safety Measures

Please do not allow or encourage your children to run in the hallways. It is extremely dangerous and can cause serious injury. Children are told they are to walk in our hallways please help reinforce this behavior.

Please make sure you walk your child into the classroom and that your child's teacher has



acknowledged them.

Please do not block the sidewalk entrance on Dalecarlia drive. Many families walk and use strollers and this blocks their entrance.

No u-turns on Dalecarlia Drive. It is illegal and dangerous!

No left turn from Baltimore Road on to Allan Terrace Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 9:15 am and 2:45 - 3:30 pm. This is the law!

Earth Day Activities



Earth Day or for that matter, any day, is a good time to share in activities with your child about the world around us and how we may help to preserve it. See below websites for ideas.



In Class News

Classes are learning about Spring, Space, Art and Animals.

With Spring is here the sun shines brighter and the air feels warm.

Tiny green leaves grow on the trees. Colorful flowers start to bloom.

Buzz! Can you hear the bees? They're looking for nectar.

Chirp, chirp! Birds are singing and building nests for their babies.

Hop, hop! The rabbits come out to play and look for fresh grass.

Butterflies flutter from one flower to another — they love the sunshine too!

We can look around and see all the signs of spring:

- Buds on trees
- Rain showers and puddles
- Baby animals like lambs and chicks
- Smells of flowers in the garden



When children return from spring break, we will start our next unit: “Everything Spring”. In this unit, the children will learn about the life cycles of some insects and amphibians, learn to identify a variety of local birds and common flowers plus learn about spring time weather and the water cycle.

Additionally in this unit, we will grow our own butterflies, Painted Lady Butterflies, and release them when the weather is warm enough. Lastly, at the end of this unit, we will celebrate Earth Day with planting in our playground garden and create art with a variety of recycled material.



Science All Around Us

WCC, in conjunction with our website partner School Webmasters, provide



Science All Around Us continued...

To find one near you, visit the [Association of Children's Museums](#), or check out this worldwide list of [hands-on science centers](#). Many science museums offer hands-on

parent reading resources on www.wccbethesda.com Here is one on child engagement regarding science.

If you are like most parents, you've heard questions like, "Where does rain come from?" or "How does popcorn pop?" or, our all-time favorite, "Where does the water go when I flush the toilet?" While these questions can sometimes strike fear in parents (Who wants to have to say, "I don't know," to their child?), there are many ways to bring science into your lives, and satisfy your child's curiosity at the same time.

Questions lead to learning, and you certainly don't want to squash that. If you don't know the answers to your child's questions, admit it. It's the perfect opportunity to learn together and grow your minds in the process. Head to the computer and do a little research together! Talk to your child about his question, and encourage them to do most of the legwork – with your assistance.

You can always try heading off some of those difficult questions before they start: Visit a local children's science museum.

exhibits and workshops perfect for little, curious minds! Here in the DMV we have loads of resources right here in our own backyard.

Though we don't always think about it, science is all around us every day. Talk to your child about some of the things related to science around your home: electricity, the Internet, recycling, gardening, cooking, digestion, etc. The more you talk, the more questions you will likely encourage. But that's okay. Go back to that opportunity to learn together!

There are endless websites you and your child can visit together to learn about science. Among them are [ScienceNews for Kids](#), [Brain POP, Zoom](#) (by PBS), and [Science With Me](#), as well as others. Above all, encourage questions, frustrating as they may be sometimes. Support interest in science and learning!

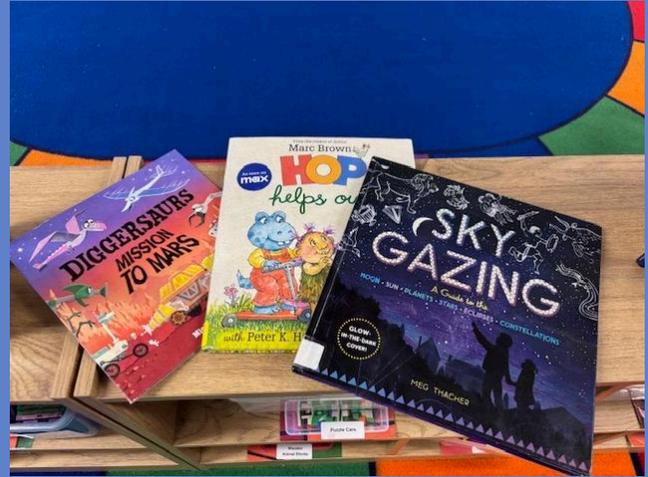




WCC's Scholastic Book Fair is "In the Books"

WCC's scholastic book fair earned \$4,077 in sales, \$1,000 more than last year! WCC receives a percentage of the sales in support of our programming which provides valued non-tuition support.

Thank you to our tremendous volunteers Whitney Fore, Erin Mellen, Emily Siciliano and Mara Weinstein, and to all our Scholastic Book fair supporters. We could not have done this without you!



Few Spots Remain in WCC's 2026 Summer Camp

Camp Westmoreland applications are now available via www.wccbethesda.com. Registration is now open to the general public so if you are interested or know of someone who is, please share and register today! Spots fill up fast.

Camp registration balances are due April 30th.



April is Parkinson's Awareness Month

WCC Dates to Remember

March 30- April 6 - Spring Break (WCC Closed)

April 22 - Earth Day and WCC Panera Fundraiser at 6pm. Details to follow.

April 30 - Summer Camp Balance Due





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