

PS 34 Eco-Schools: *News and Updates*

Exploring Systems Thinking

On January 22, National Wildlife Federation sponsored a field trip for all 5th Graders to the **New York Hall of Science** in Corona, Queens. Students explored and interacted with six virtual environments in **Connected Worlds**: jungle, desert, wetlands, mountain valley, reservoir, and plains. In each environment, with hand gestures, we planted trees and plants, and watched animals thrive. However, all six environments shared a common water supply that flowed from a 45 feet high virtual waterfall!



While exploring this immersive ecosystem, students learn about the interconnectedness of different environments and strategize to keep systems in balance. Connected Worlds is designed to encourage a systems thinking approach to sustainability where local actions in one environment may have global consequences. What is your impact?

Recycling Campaign Posters

As 2nd Graders in Ms. Marshall Green STEM Class finished their Materials/Waste unit, students drew posters to teach and remind others to recycle.



The next unit of study is Energy so stay tuned fun projects in the coming months!

Eco-Fashion Show Project

The theme for our 3rd Annual Eco-Fashion Show Project is WILDLIFE! Students in Pre-K to 5th Grade will spend the next 3 months working on an outfit/costume in one of five animal kingdoms: Mammals, Fish, Bird, Reptiles, and Insects. To find out more about this project or to register to participate, visit website: <https://sites.google.com/view/ps34ecofashion2019>



Upcoming Eco-Events:

February is Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with your children, and learn about the accomplishments of famous and lesser-known African-Americans. Check out Scholastics for resources:

<https://bit.ly/2WBkdih>

Tuesday, Feb. 5th – Happy Lunar (Chinese) New Year – School Closed.

Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, has more than 4,000 years of history and is the longest holiday of the year. Learn about this holiday with your children on PBS Learning Media:

<https://bit.ly/2BifyZc>



Thursday, Feb. 14th, 8:30-9:30a – MONTHLY Parent Green Team Gatherings at Woops!

Join your PTA Green Team Leaders, Alina, Lisa and Kevin this month to hear updates on eco-projects and discuss eco-events including the upcoming fashion show!



Monday, Feb 25th, 2:45-3:45p – Eco-Fashion Show Workshop #2

Learn about how to creatively use materials to make a themed costume / outfit for the show! Special guest to be announced.