

Environmentally Kids Newsletter

The Newsletter About Kids Saving Nature

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Hello Nature Lovers, and welcome to Environmentally Kids!

About the Newsletter (and club!)

We wanted to start the Environmentally Kids club because we have always wanted to help Nature, and encourage other people to as well. We thought a newsletter was an helpful and easy first step.

We hope it will give the people who receive it ideas to help Nature and fun things to watch and read about and also easy starting points for taking action in fun ways.

We would love to hear from you! Please submit

Two Major Issues:



De-Forestation

De-Forestation is another word for logging. We do need wood, but we don't need to log Ancient Forests.



Water Pollution

Water pollution happens when we put trash, chemicals, toxins and more into Rivers and/or Streams & it runs into the Ocean & pollutes them.

drawings, photos, stories, ideas, and more.

This newsletter has our ideas and perspectives and resources. We encourage you to look things up for yourself and come up with your own theories.

Scotch Broom Season

Have any of you seen small Dandelion-yellow flowers on straggly dark-green plants, by roads and/or on **clear cuts** lately? What you're seeing is most likely Scotch Broom! Broom is an **invasive** plant (see **glossary**).

Scotch Broom season is here, and it's time to Bust Broom! (this is where the adults come in.)

Before cutting the blooms, watch this video to get ideas on how to do it right.



Broom is originally from Africa and parts of Europe, so if you live there, please don't cut it. You can, however, remove **invasive** plants in your own area. Just look them up!

Please be sure to sign any forms and/or waivers that are required in your area, though we think it is ok to cut a few stalks before you submit it. That's what we did because it was blooming.

News from Members



Migrating toad in the Cowichan Valley. Photo by the Whites



By Joy White



By Nova Peters

Important upcoming Days/Dates and Ways to celebrate

Come up with your own, too, and let us know what they are!

May 18th is Endangered Species Day!

- Learn about **endangered** species at the World Wildlife Fund or National Geographic
- Learn more about endangered species and habitat loss

May 20th is World Bee Day!

- Make a Bee watering station
- Learn about bees!

May 22nd is International Day for Biological Diversity!

- Go on a nature walk and count the number of species you can see
- Learn some awesome things about biodiversity!

Last Wednesday in May (May 26th this year) is World Otter Day!

- Here are some 'Otter-ly amazing facts' for this special day
- Video: Sea Otters make comeback off B.C. coast

June 5th is World Environment Day!

- Think about what you love about the **Environment**
- Limit how much you use electricity for the day
- Talk to someone about what makes the **Environment** special

Sharing

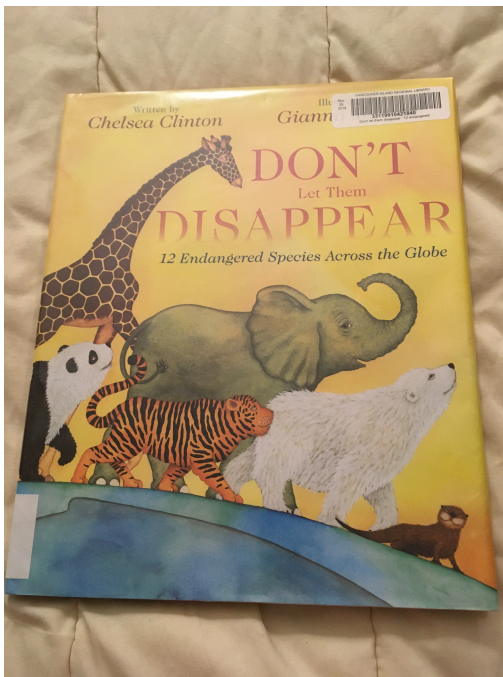
We would love to hear from you all to see what you've been up to lately if you would like to share. Please say if you do not want us share anything in the newsletter. You can reach us at:
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We would love to get your feedback about the newsletter too.

Please submit questions for the Nature Bingo in the next issue and/or your answers to the Nature Bingo Questionnaire.

One Good Book

Don't Let Them Disappear by Chelsea Clinton and Gianna Marino is a beautifully illustrated picture book that goes through twelve



endangered species across the globe. Each spread covers one animal as well as its range, endangered status, and the reason why it is endangered. At the back there is also "Why are they endangered?" "What can you do?" and twelve endangered animals-related special days. Some of what it covers, as it says on the inside flap, is "Did you know blue whales are the largest animals in the world? Or that sea otters wash their paws after every meal?" Overall, it is a wonderful learning resource for people of all ages.

Keep at it! Remember, together we can make the difference!

Extra Fun: Nature Bingo

If you print it, please print the Nature Bingo and Nature Bingo Questionnaire back to back to reduce printing and wasted paper (pp. 7-8).

Compost your fruit remains; don't put them in the trash	Look for a cloud shaped like something in nature	How many trees can you hug in 1 hour? <hr/>
Go birding (bird-watching)	Free Space or Make up your own "Save Nature" activity	Make a "Save Nature" poster and put it up
Recycle your used paper instead of throwing it away	Make up new R's: how else can we help Nature? (e.g., reduce, reuse, recycle)	Read a book about Nature

Nature Bingo Questionnaire:

What were your favourite things in the Nature bingo?

What were your least favourite things about it?

What things did you need to adapt? What did you do instead?

Which ones couldn't you adapt? Why?

What else do you want to do in terms of saving Nature?

Glossary

These are our definitions based on our understandings of the words (and some dictionary work, too!).

Clear Cuts: An area where logging companies cut all the trees down in that particular area, not leaving any. It is bad because it completely destroys the ecosystem/habitat and few living things can settle there because the rain washes and the wind blows away the precious topsoil.

Diversity: A wide range of plant or animal species, varying from trees to bears, slugs to lilacs.

Endangered: A plant or animal species that is in danger of becoming extinct, which means there are no remaining alive plants or animals on this planet.

Environment: The complex intertwining plant and animal life, as well as the surrounding geological formations.

Invasive: A plant or animal species that takes over other species and/or their habitats quite quickly.

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