

On Deck

April 15-17th – Global Youth Service Day

April 25th – World Malaria Awareness Day

April 29th – Arbor Day

Resources

Global Youth Service Day Ideas

- Implement a school recycling program
- Hold a neighborhood or school clean up
- Start a community garden
- Recycle old books, games, cell phones or other items by holding a Re-Use Drive
- Plant seeds in student-painted pots to offer as gifts to those who need encouragement
- Hold an Earth Day fair, where students can share ideas or learn about conservation, recycling and how they can make a difference
- Paint a mural in an area that needs beautification

Global Youth Service Day Resources

- **Global Youth Service Day** is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. The GYSD website has tons of resources to help you brainstorm, plan and share your Global Youth Service Day event. <http://www.gysd.org/>
- **Turn Trash into Treasure:** TerraCycle makes affordable, eco-friendly products from a wide range of different non-recyclable waste materials. Schools can collect juice pouches, wrappers, chip bags and other materials and turn them into cool products. <http://www.terracycle.net/>
- **Zerofootprint:** Carbon footprint calculator for you students. <http://calc.zerofootprint.net/youth/>
- **Keep America Beautiful:** <http://www.learningtogive.org/papers/paper284.html>
- **Earth Force:** Engages young people as active citizens who improve the environment and their communities now and in the future. This site contains resources for teachers, including videos, watershed information and activities. <http://www.earthforce.org/>
- **Earth Day Everyday:** The United State Environmental Protection Agency website has a wealth of information about current environment issues, environmental news, tips for getting involved and lots of other helpful tools for the planning Earth Day activities. <http://epa.gov/earthday/>

World Malaria Awareness Day Ideas

- Research facts and education others through flyers, posters or advertisements about the impact of malaria (or other health issues) on the world.
- Write a persuasive essay or letter about the issues related to malaria and send it to an organization, local or national government entity, new media or other appropriate venue to promote awareness about malaria's effects

- Hold a walk-a-thon or community event to raise money for malaria research or the *Nothing But Nets* campaign
- Read young students “Nets are Nice” storybook to learn more about malaria and nets:
<http://www.malarianomore.org/sites/all/files/wysiwyg/filemanager/g1-storybook.pdf>

World Malaria Awareness Day Resources

- **Nothing but Nets:** is a global, grassroots campaign to raise awareness and funding to combat malaria, one of the largest killers of children in Africa. With a \$10 contribution, *Nothing But Nets* provides individuals the opportunity to join the global fight against malaria by sending a net and saving a life. <http://nothingbutnets.net/>
- **Malaria Foundation International** mission is to facilitate the development and implementation of solutions to the health, economic and social problems caused by Malaria.
http://www.malaria.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=102&Itemid=102
- **Malaria No More** is dedicated to ending Malaria caused deaths.
<http://www.malarianomore.org/>

Arbor Day Ideas

- Organize a community beautification
- Organize a paper drive to gather paper to be recycled and save a tree.
- Visit a local park or take a nature hike. Try to identify the different trees
- Work with a local nursery or garden center to host of field trip
- Create your own watering can by recycling a plastic jug. <http://crafts.kaboose.com/plastic-jug-watering-can.html>

Arbor Day Resources

- **Arbor Day:** This official site of the Arbor Day Foundation provides information about planting and caring for trees and their various programs. <http://www.arborday.org/>
- **Tree City USA** provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs.
<http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/about.cfm>
- How to celebrate Arbor Day: <http://www.arborday.org/arborday/celebrate.cfm#download>
- Other Arbor Day ideas and Resources: <http://holidays.kaboose.com/arborday/>

Equipment Room

Resources

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse supports the service-learning community in higher education, kindergarten through grade twelve, community-based organizations, tribal programs, and all others interested in strengthening schools and communities using service-learning.

<http://www.servicelearning.org/>

Youth Service America (YSA) Curriculum improves communities by increasing the number and the diversity of young people, ages 5-25, serving in substantive roles. Founded in 1986, YSA supports a global culture of engaged youth committed to a lifetime of service, learning, leadership, and achievement. The impact of YSA's work through service and service-learning is measured in student achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities. <http://www.ysa.org/>