



National Environmental Education Week

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Happy EE Week!

This week is [National Environmental Education Week](#), and educators and students across the country are celebrating the week with activities to increase their understanding of the environment.

It's also National Library Week. Check out [EE Week's Green Reading Lists](#) for books you can find at your school or community library on a wide variety of environmental topics.

If you haven't registered your school or organization to participate in EE Week, it's not too late! [Register today](#).

Be Water and Energy Wise! Tip

Wasting water wastes energy, so make sure you don't use the toilet as a trash can or leave the water running while you brush your teeth.

Source: [Energy Hog](#)

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The Water-Energy Connection

In the United States, generating power consumes 3 percent of our nation's water annually and 13 percent of the energy produced in this country each year is used to treat, transport and heat our water. Conserving water saves energy, and vice versa. Access EE Week's resources and teaching tools on the [Water-Energy Connection](#).

Teacher Spotlight: Gary Paxton

Lake Riviera Middle School,
Brick, N.J.

After hearing both student and staff express enthusiasm for an environmental area on school grounds, sixth grade math and science teacher Gary Paxton was inspired to create the Kettle Creek Crusaders -- a group of students dedicated to the environmental studies of their school. The Kettle Creek Crusaders worked with local professionals and school staff to take inventory of the indigenous plant and animal species of nearby Kettle Creek and tested the water at various locations. Based on their findings, the students plan to create a presentation to give to local community groups and elementary students as part of their EE Week activities. Paxton says the project will help the students learn the value of community involvement and environmental stewardship.



Mr. Paxton leads the Kettle Creek Crusaders at Lake Riviera Middle School

Visit EE Week's [Water Quality Monitoring](#) page for resources on starting a water quality monitoring project with your students.

Learn more about educators engaging their students in interesting and exciting activities to promote understanding of the environment by reading our [Environmental Education Success Stories](#).

2010 EE Week Photo Blog Contest

Do you have an inspiring photo showing how your students are participating in EE Week? Submit your photos and stories to EE Week's annual Photo Blog Contest for a chance to win great prizes! [Learn more](#)

Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States.

EE Week connects educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment.

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Featured Resource

WaterSense Educational Materials

[WaterSense](#) is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency partnership program that seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by promoting water efficiency and enhancing the market for water-efficient products, programs and practices.



[WaterSense Educational Materials](#) help teachers communicate the importance of water conservation through two sets of resources: Fix A Leak Week and A Day in the Life of a Drop. The Fix A Leak Week resources are a set of activities designed for students in grades 3-5 to help them learn about water supplies and the importance of saving water. A Day in the Life of a Drop is a set of activities designed to help students in grades 3-5 understand the connections between the source of the water they use and the ways their water use habits affect the environment and human health. Although designed for an elementary school audience, these resources may be easily adapted for older students.



The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) provides knowledge to trusted professionals who, with their credibility, amplify messages to national audiences to solve everyday environmental problems. Together, we generate lasting positive change.

NEEF partners with professionals in health, education, media, business and public land management to promote daily actions for helping people protect and enjoy the environment. Through our primary programs - Classroom Earth, National Public Lands Day, National Environmental Education Week, Business and Environment, Earth Gauge(r) and Health & Environment - we offer Americans knowledge to live by. To learn more, call (202) 833-2933 or visit <http://www.neefusa.org>.