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| S**EPTEMBER** | **ORDER A TREE Lynnhaven River Now has a limited number of native trees that are free to a good home (or school). Order now and plant in November. Learn about the benefits of landscaping with native plants.**  | **5** |
| **WORLD-WIDE WATER MONITORING DAY (Sept 20). Go to the website and get a free water testing kit. Test the water near your school and send in the results. This is a great way to connect with schools around the world and be part of a Citizen Science program.****http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/** | **10** |
| **PEARL HOME CAMPAIGN. Help us to reach our goal of 2014 homes by the end of 2014. Applications are on line. Give us the completed applications and we will deliver the flags to you for distribution.** | **10** |
| **ADOPT A SPOT Find a park, trail, or waterway near you that needs a little TLC and commit to cleaning it up. This is a great opportunity to teach environmental and civic responsibility.** [**http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/caring-for-our-parks/Pages/adopt-a-programs.aspx**](http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/caring-for-our-parks/Pages/adopt-a-programs.aspx) | **10** |
| **OCTOBER** | **PLANT A FALL GARDEN It’s not too late. Carrots, radishes, lettuce, and spinach can all be planted in early Oct. Practice chemical free gardening and learn how growing your own food is good for the planet. Plant Fall Natives like Purple Cone flower. http://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-dates/VA/Virginia+Beach** | **10** |
| **START A SCHOOLWIDE COMPOSTING PROJECT This is a great way to turn all those fall leaves and some of the cafeteria waste into rich garden compost.** | **10** |
| **NOVEMBER** | **TAKE A FIELDTRIP It’s getting cold out so take it inside. A visit to a place like the Virginia Aquarium always reminds us of the non-human residents of our state and why it’s important for us to protect them.**  | **5** |
| **TRASH TALKING TURTLE Get creative! Do a clean-up of the school grounds and make a sea turtle out of plastic bags, paper, balloons, and all the other things you find. This will remind you that what you throw away can get into the waterways and harm wildlife.** | **10** |
| **DECEMBER** | **SHOPPING BAG WREATHS Keep those holiday shopping bags out of our landfill. Here’s the link:** **http://www.favecrafts.com/Christmas-Decorations/Wreath-Made-With-Plastic-Bags** | **10** |
| **GREEN LUNCH/ GREEN HOLIDAY CHALLENGE Encourage students and staff to pack environmentally friendly lunches using cloth napkins and reusable containers. Challenge them to minimize waste over the holidays and make gifts to give from materials they would throw away.** | **10** |
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| **JANUARY** | **ELECTRONICS ROUNDUP WEEK Discarded electronics like cell phones, TVs, and computers are very hazardous to the environment. January is a great time to collect and recycle those that were replaced over the holidays.** | **10** |
| **RUN A SCOOP THE POOP CAMPAIGN It’s important to remind people to clean up after their dogs. All that waste pollutes the waterways. (Contact the office for materials)** | **10** |
| **FEBRUARY** | **VALENTINES DAY VOTIVES Upcycle small glass jars collected from students, and tissue paper left over from the holidays into charming votive candles or vases.** **http://homemadeserenity.blogspot.com/2011/02/why-dont-you-make-valentines-day.html**  | **10** |
| **CLEAN UP A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK Get out in the crisp winter air and hunt for paper, bottles, and cans that are spoiling the landscape. Notice the animals that are active and the plants that are green.** | **5** |
| **MARCH** | **PROMOTE EARTH HOUR March 28 we turn off our lights from 8:30 to 9:30 pm during this global event. Have students make posters to be displayed reminding everyone to participate. Think about how much energy can be conserved if we all do our part.** **http://www.earthhour.org/celebrating-earth-hour** | **5** |
| **PLANT A BUTTERFLY GARDEN USING NATIVE PLANTS Plants that are native to Virginia Beach are perfect for Virginia Beach. They don’t need lots of pampering and they won’t take over. Best of all, they are the ideal food source for native butterflies, our “flying flowers.” http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/habitat/butterfly-garden.asp** | **10** |
| **APRIL** | **MAKE EARTH DAY POSTERS Earth Day is April 22. Have students choose from various environmental topics such as recycling, littering, organic gardening, energy or water conservation, etc. Discuss the impact that small changes can make. Display the artwork throughout the school all month long.** | **5** |
| **MATH/SCIENCE/STEM NIGHT Invite local scientists and environmental organizations to come to your school and set up a table. Organize some games and activities to teach about sustainability and showcase all the great things your school does to help the environment.** | **20** |
| **MAY** | **VISIT PLEASURE HOUSE POINT Come out to this FREE natural area and learn about the plants and animals that live in this area. Bring blankets and have a trash-free picnic. Talk about the impact of humans on their habitats and think of ways that we can live in harmony with these creatures.** | **10** |
| **DO A SCHOOLYARD ASSESSMENT Mark your storm drains. Find out where the water goes on your school grounds when it rains. Look for ways to reduce the amount of water going down the drains and the amount of oil, soil and grass too.** | **5** |
| **MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER Grind up paper from your recycling bin and use cookie cutters or embroidery hoops and make your own paper. These can become Mother or Father’s Day cards. There are lots of websites to get you started.** | **5** |
| **JUNE** | **PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN THE BAY DAY It’s Saturday, June 6 this year. Show your commitment to the environment as well as your school spirit by wearing school colors and participating in this important local event.** **http://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day** | **10** |
| **KEEP YOUR GARDEN ALIVE Don’t neglect your gardens over summer break. Open them to staff members or your students’ families who pledge to practice organic gardening techniques when growing their crops.**  | **5** |