Earth Day Canada’s EcoKids Program

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Earth Day Canada – Who We Are

- Registered charity 13195 1378RR0001 since 1991.
- Charter member of the Earth Day Network.
- Promote, facilitate & co-ordinate Earth Day activities in Canada.
- Manage four year-round programs.
Earth Day Canada – What We Do

Mission

- To improve the state of the environment by empowering and helping Canadians to take positive environmental action.

Vision

- Earth Day Canada will remain Canada's strongest positive voice in promoting constructive and sustainable environmental values, actions and solutions.
Earth Day Canada – Recognition

NAAEE
NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Award for Outstanding Service to Environmental Education by an Organization
EcoKids – Program Description

- An environmental education program that offers curriculum-linked materials and activities to engage Canadian elementary schools in environmental action.

- Serving schools nationally since 1994.

- Currently, over 35% of elementary schools in Canada are EcoKids schools.
EcoKids – Program Goals

- To be Canada’s premier resource of environmental education for students & teachers.
- To develop a generation of responsible environmental citizens.
- To infuse environmental education through all subject areas.
- To provide resources to underserviced demographics (e.g. ESL project)
Welcome to EcoKids! For 14 years we've provided award-winning environmental education resources for kids and teachers.
Welcome to the Teachers Lounge, Korie!

Grab a cup of coffee, pull up a chair and browse through a wealth of classroom-ready environmental education resources. We have new curriculum-tailored lesson plans, printable activities and handouts, environmental literacy resources, a national contest, free calendars and all kinds of other materials.

Don't forget to bookmark us and check back for new lessons and resources that will be added to the site in the coming months.
Teaching Resources

- New lessons that fulfill the expectations laid out by the ON Science and Technology Curriculum.
- ESL / ELL Lessons
- Printable activities, puzzles, colouring pages and word games.
Curriculum-Linked Materials

We are now offering new lesson plans tailored to the Ontario Elementary Science and Technology curriculum, incorporating the 2008 "Environmental Education Scope and Sequence of Expectations" resource guide. Click on a topic in the Curriculum Overview Chart to discover our applicable lesson plans and resources.

Remember that we will continually be adding new lessons so check back often to see what's new.

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Free Stuff
1. Awareness and appreciation
2. Values and attitudes

EcoKids Blog
An environmental blog for kids.

China bans plastic bags

Here’s another development in the move to ban plastic bags.

Yesterday, the Chinese government announced that it will restrict the production, sale and use of all plastic bags in an effort to reduce waste and be more environmentally conscious.

What is happening where you live? Has there been any news that there will be plastic bag bans in your city or town?

Here are some facts about plastic bags from www.reusablebags.com:
EcoKids – Educational Goals

3. Investigation and Evaluation
EcoKids – Educational Goals

4. Active Participation
The Great EcoKids Challenge

- A nationwide contest where students undertake initiatives that are relevant and important to their school community and that will result in positive environmental change

- Open to all elementary schools across Canada.
The Great EcoKids Challenge

Entry Initiatives:

- Energy conservation (e.g. programming computers to turn off automatically)
The Great EcoKids Challenge

- Electronics waste reduction (e.g. recycling cell phones, batteries and ink cartridges)
The Great EcoKids Challenge

- Regular waste reduction (e.g. litterless lunches, vermi-composting)
The Great EcoKids Challenge

- Greening projects (e.g. vegetable and butterfly gardens)
The Great EcoKids Challenge

- Clean air (e.g. anti-idling campaigns)
“Keep up the great work in helping the environment. Thank you for organizing the Great EcoKids Challenge to help motivate staff and students to help the Earth.”

*Barbara Inkster, Glen Elementary School, Coquitlam, B.C.*
Cool Prizes from SONY®

**GRAND PRIZE** (awarded to one winning entry in each of three categories)

Win a SONY 32” BRAVIA® M-Series High-Definition LCD TV* for your school and a SONY W-Series Walkman® MP3 Player for each of your team members!**

Offering crystal clear picture quality, this high-definition TV uses unique Sony technology to produce sharp, vibrant, lifelike images and five different component inputs to enjoy the latest HD content.

Listen to your favourite downloads cord-free with this new Walkman® MP3 player that’s ready to wear and ready to play.

*Please note that the model may not be exactly as shown, as specifications may change.
** Up to 25 individual prizes will be awarded to the students in each of the winning teams.
**New Projects: ESL Initiative**

**ESL Lesson Plans: Overview**

We've created 20 new lesson plans and material specific to ESL learning objectives and curriculum delivered through environmental content and themes. There are 8 environmental topics divided by grade and categorized based on the Ontario Curriculum document, English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development Resource Guide according to the stages of Second-Language Acquisition for ESL Students. Check out the chart below for more information:

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| Energy                | 4-6 (adaptable for grades 1-3) | Stage 3 and/or 4  
  - nouns: count nouns, non-count nouns  
  - using a or an  
  - build on vocabulary | Energy  
  Curriculum Connections (100kb PDF) |
| Exploring Food        | 4-6 (adaptable for grades 1-3) | Stage 1 and/or 2  
  - Simple questions (yes/no answers)  
  - Follow oral instructions  
  - Begin to use this / that / these/ those  
  - Linking images with words / symbols | Food Curriculum Connections (100kb PDF) |
New Projects (Cont’d)

- The 21st century classroom
- First Nations materials
- French language materials
What Teachers Have Said

- “I think this webpage is absolutely amazing and a source of wonderful ideas and information for students. It will be an excellent resource for planning activities for our club as well!”
  
  *Julie Morrow, Roy H. Crosby School, Markham, ON.*

- “I have been spreading around your website address to the schools I come into contact with. It is really impressive.”

  *Christine Boyle, Grandview School, Vancouver, B.C.*

- "EcoKids is very user-friendly which is nice especially when we have so many resources coming across our desk as teachers!“

  *Lisa Silib, Pauline Johnson School, Burlington, ON.*
What Students Have Said

- “EcoKids is super! I will visit every day!”
  
  *Kiara, 9, Ottawa, ON.*

- “I think the pictures and topics are great because I just learned something new. Thanks!”
  
  *Asher, 11, Calgary, AB.*

- “I like this website because it is so educational. I have learned a lot of things. Now I don’t think I would get left back. Thanks a lot EcoKids!”
  
  *Karina, 10, Vancouver, BC.*
Thank you!