

Earth Day 2020

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day (4/22/20)

Background: On Earth Day and this spring we have two crises: One is the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The other is a slowly building disaster for our climate.

“The coronavirus pandemic does not shut us down. Instead, it reminds us of what’s at stake in our fight for the planet. If we don’t demand change to transform our planet and meet our climate crisis, our current state will become the new normal — a world where pandemics and extreme weather events span the globe, leaving already marginalized and vulnerable communities even more at risk.” (-Source [Earthday.org](https://earthday.org))

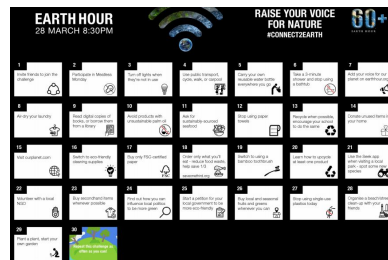
Choose One/Share One

Directions: with your family or individually, choose something from the choice board to do to celebrate our Earth on the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Share a picture, selfie, or reflection of what you do on our RMS Earth Day Padlet ([click here](#))

Watch “[Earth Day Live](#)” to hear messages, calls to action and performances from famous singers and acts.



Take the [Earth Hour 30 Day challenge](#) and do one thing every day to help protect the environment. Participate in Meatless Mondays, turn off the lights day, switch to eco-friendly cleaning supplies, or carry your own water bottle.



Take a [virtual field trip](#) to the Arctic to study polar bears. Discover how climate change is threatening polar bears' survival and find a way to help protect the species.



Choose one of Discovery Education’s “[50 ways to Earth Day](#)” actions to help the Earth.



Make [recycled art](#)...pull out those plastic lids, cardboard and other recyclables to create art as a family.



Earth Day [Breakout game](#)

EARTH DOME S.O.S.: RACE TO SAVE OUR SYSTEMS!

Alert: The Earth is getting hotter! Dr. Strange i. Deas is at it again. Last time you encountered the Dr. he wanted to change the direction the Earth spins. Now, in order to protect the biosphere, he wants to build a dome that all living things can live in. The problem? It would actually hurt the planet because of its impact on Earth's other systems. Dr. Strange i. Deas is very close to being ready to push the button that will put this dome into action. He is locked in his laboratory again! You have 40 minutes to get into his lab and stop another one of his strange ideas!



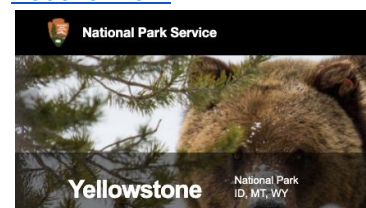
Nifty Fifty Activities you can do at home with your family ([click here](#))



Take a [captain planet](#) challenge



Take a virtual tour of [Yellowstone National Park](#)



Earth Day History:

“The first Earth Day in 1970 mobilized millions of Americans for the protection of the planet. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet. The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement and is now recognized as the planet’s largest civic event. Earth Day led to passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States, including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. Many countries soon adopted similar laws, and in 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day to sign the Paris Climate Agreement into force.” Source: [click here](#)

For a great article on how Coronavirus has impacted our Earth [click here](#)



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