



Earth Week Special Edition
Media Advisory | April 20 – 26 | Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, 2017

Earth Week awareness is an important part of the Grand Erie experience. In addition to the fact that Grand Erie is situated in a beautiful part of Ontario surrounded by forests, rich agricultural lands, the Grand River and Lake Erie, our schools are focused on environmental education and leadership. Grand Erie recognizes the importance of the environment to the well-being of our students and staff. Our stewardship of the environment is an important part of building a healthy and sustainable future.

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Featured Event: Community Greening Ceremony at Princess Elizabeth PS

Monday, April 24, 2017 | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Princess Elizabeth Public School is the recipient of this year's School Ground Greening Grant from the Brantford/Brant Earth Week Event Committee. This year marks the tenth year that the Earth Week Event Committee has undertaken a School Ground Greening project. The grant will be celebrated with a tree-planting ceremony and reception.

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Earth Day Extravaganza at King George School

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 3:30 p.m.

King George School's Green Team presents an Earth Day Extravaganza including community garbage pickup, vendors, prizes, and free pizza for attendees. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided for the garbage pickup. Guests to include Brantford Power Inc., City of Brantford Waste Reduction, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, Pauline Johnson Environmental Club, the Grand River Conservation Authority, and the music of local songwriter Benjamin Dakota Rogers. Please bring a blanket to sit on in the gym and a reusable water bottle for drinks.

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Earth Week at Lansdowne-Costain PS

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 12 p.m.

The EcoTeam is hosting a number of events all week including a used book swap, litterless lunch campaign, and a poster contest. The week concludes with a visit from Microsoft, which will be filming a virtual field trip by way of a Skype call with the Grade 3 class and the Royal Botanical Gardens. The virtual trip is an Earth Play for Earth Day event.

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Tree Planting at Ecole Confederation

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 12:30 p.m.

To celebrate Earth Week, staff and students will be planting four maple sugar trees on the school's property, and in doing so, will encourage students to think about how today's actions affect tomorrow's environment.

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Community Cleanup and Earth Day Kick-off at Central PS

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 9:30 a.m.

Staff and students, along with the Downtown Central Neighbourhood Association, are participating in the first annual neighbourhood clean-up, just in time for Earth Day.

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Lunch Outdoors at Greenbrier Park PS

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 1:20 p.m.

To foster appreciation of the great outdoors, Greenbrier Park PS students will be participating in a school yard clean-up, followed by lunch outside and other Earth Day activities.

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Local Actions Raise Awareness of Global Impact at North Park

Friday, April 21 – Saturday, April 22, 2017

Students at North Park Collegiate - Vocational School will be kicking off Earth Day by participating in a 30-hour famine to raise awareness of global hunger and its connection to climate change and depletion of natural resources. Students will conclude their famine challenge with a neighbourhood clean-up on Earth Day.

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Paris District HS Community Tree Plant at Burford Lions Park

Saturday, April 29, 2017 | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, CELP students from Paris District High School will be hosting a community tree plant where students and members of the community will be planting 1,200 trees. Sponsors include the County of Brant, Grand River Conservation Authority, Trout Unlimited, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, Lions International, SC Johnson and Brant Tree Coalition.

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Earth Week Math Challenge at River Heights School

Thursday, April 20, 2017

River Heights School will be fostering students' environmental stewardship while sharpening math skills at the same time. From calculating the costs of using fluorescent and LED light bulbs to determining the numbers of trees needed to offset green-house emissions, a variety of grade-appropriate, earth-related math challenges will take place.

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Earth Week Activities at Bloomsburg PS

Thursday, April 20, 2017 – Friday, April 21, 2017

Bloomsburg Public School's Eco Club has organized a series of activities each day to support environmental stewardship during Earth Week. Events include a student book swap, student toy exchange, a community

clean-up, and parent-organized clothing swap to encourage reusing items and reducing ecological footprints in the process.

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Earth Day Celebrations at Delhi PS

Friday, April 21, 2017 | All Day

Leading up to Earth Day, students, staff, and Delhi Public School's Eco Club have planned a number of eco initiatives. Students are encouraged to bring a litterless lunch that day, eco crafts are taking place, and each classroom will be participating in various eco challenges including switching off lights for a portion of the day or going outside to clean up litter.

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Earth Day at the Valley

Friday, April 21, 2017 | 9 a.m.

Valley Heights Secondary School is kicking off its annual Earth Day celebrations with a neighbourhood cleanup and raffle. The Eco Club students are arranging displays, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase with a chance to win prizes. All funds raised support the school's Eco Club.

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