



# National Environmental Education Week

A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

Monday April 14, 2008

[www.EEWeek.org](http://www.EEWeek.org)



## Greetings!

Today is Monday of EE Week! Over 1,600 schools nature centers, zoos, parks, museums, and aquariums are bringing environmental education to their students in celebration of National Environmental Education Week--thank you for your support!

# zerofootprint™

In celebration of its *Carbon Footprints* theme, EE Week 2008 is proud to announce the Zerofootprint carbon calculator specifically designed for American students. Built by Zerofootprint, the EE Week Carbon Calculator encourages students, classrooms, and entire schools to measure and manage their own carbon footprints while developing creative ways to curb their carbon output and slow climate change. Students can compare their carbon footprints with students in other schools, boys vs. girls and more! [Access the EE Week Carbon Calculator](#)

Each day of EE Week we will be providing tips for students and teachers to help curb carbon footprints and protect the environment--check out the first tip below, and have a great EE Week!

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz  
National Environmental Education Week Coordinator

P.S. It's not too late to register! Access the [online registration form](#).

## Our Program

National Environmental Education (EE) Week, made possible by [Canon, USA](#), is the single largest organized environmental education event in the United States. It increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of environmentally-themed lessons and activities in K-12 classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

## In This Issue

[Carbon Tip of the Day](#)

[Local Partner Spotlight](#)

[National Partner Spotlight](#)

## Quick Links

[Register Now](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Success Stories](#)

[More On Us](#)

## Contact Us

Karen Schultz  
EE Week Coordinator  
(202) 261-6484

[EEWeek@neefusa.org](mailto:EEWeek@neefusa.org)

## Carbon Tip of the Day

## Start an Anti-Idling Campaign

Curb greenhouse gas emissions in your school parking lot by starting an anti-idling campaign in your school or district. The average school bus burns half a gallon of fuel per hour when idling, emitting 11.1 pounds of carbon and costing school districts money. Diesel and gasoline exhaust also poses a health hazard for teachers and students, particularly those with asthma.

Encourage your students to ask their parents to turn off their cars when waiting for them after school, and follow the EPA's [tips for starting an anti-idling campaign](#).



## Classroom Earth Corner

**Attention Teachers!** Looking for a way to spice up your curriculum with something new that will get your students excited about the environment? The National High School Challenge could be the answer you're looking for.

The National Environmental Education Foundation, in partnership with The Weather Channel developed a new program called [Classroom Earth](#), which is designed to enhance and strengthen environmental education in high school classrooms. Just last week, Classroom Earth launched the first of many components: The National High School Challenge. The challenge asks high school teachers across the country to submit a proposal on how *they* would infuse environmental content into their existing classrooms. If chosen, you'll have the chance to secure \$5,000 to \$10,000 to bring more innovative environmental themes into your coursework! [Learn More](#)



[Join Our Mailing List](#)

## Local Partner Spotlight

### Prior Lake-Savage Area School District, MN



The Prior Lake-Savage Area School District is celebrating EE Week with challenges for students and teachers alike. Students are invited to submit to the Environmental Poetry Contest and Nature Photography display. Teachers are challenged to find the district's Naturalist room to check out environmental teaching supplies. Students will also kick off EE Week by assisting with the groundbreaking of the new

McCull Pond Environmental Learning Center.

*Do you have EE Week plans that you'd like to spotlight in this newsletter?* [Email them to us!](#)

## National Partner Spotlight

### Earth Day Network

[Earth Day Network](#) seeks to grow and diversify the environmental movement worldwide, and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle for promoting a healthy, sustainable planet. Their innovative education initiatives focus on creating a new generation of environmentally aware and democratically active citizens, as well as building healthy, green schools and communities across the nation.

In honor of EE Week's Carbon Footprints theme, the Earth Day Network has developed a special series of **high school lesson plans** on climate-related topics. Today's featured lesson explores [Biodiversity and Climate](#).

Explore other climate change lessons in [EE Week's Curricula Library](#).





At the National Environmental Education Foundation, we provide objective environmental information to help Americans live better every day. At a time of conflicting and challenging messages about the state of our environment, we provide trusted knowledge, resources and opportunities to improve our lives and the health of the planet.

---

The Canon logo is displayed in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

National Environmental Education Week is made possible by [Canon, USA](#)

---

---

