



# National Environmental Education Week

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## Greetings!

National Environmental Education Week is winding down, but Earth Day is only a few days away, and we would like to encourage you to continue your EE activities on [Earth Day, April 22nd](#). Check out the last e-newsletter of EE Week 2008 below for a few more resources to aid you in your efforts.



Also, as EE Week comes to a close be sure to check out three special environmental videos for students. Eco-Ambassadors selected through a national competition sponsored by The Weather Channel have some important questions on their minds about the environment, and experts at the World Wildlife Fund offer answers to the questions based on their work. [See all three videos on the EE Week site.](#)

Thank you again for your interest and participation in National Environmental Education Week!

Sincerely,

Karen Schultz  
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## 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.

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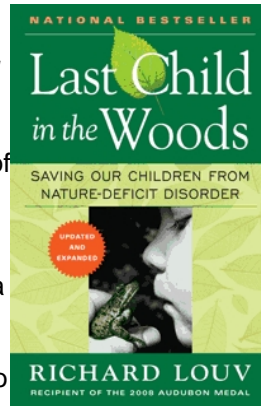
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## New Book Releases

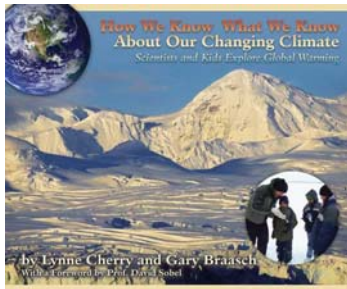
### *Last Child in the Woods* - Richard Louv

Since its release in 2005, Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder* has inspired No Child Left Inside initiatives in twenty-seven states, and its message of reconnecting children with the natural world has been embraced by the National Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy, and the U.S. Department of the Interior. To celebrate the amazing progress, a newly updated and expanded edition, which includes a book list to inspire kids, parents and educators, is being released this Earth Day. Head to your local bookstore on Tuesday, April 22 to buy your copy. [Learn more](#)



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### *How We Know What We Know about Our Changing Climate* - Lynne Cherry and Gary Braasch



Two leading environmental authors, Lynne Cherry and Gary Braasch, have come together to produce a new book for middle school-age children that explains climate science. *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate* (Dawn Publications, March 2008) presents clear science and outstanding photos of the evidence from flowers, butterflies, frogs, trees, glaciers, ice cores, and much more, gathered by leading scientists all over the world. [Learn more](#)

## Carbon Tip of the Day

### Host a Used Clothing Swap

A great way to shrink your carbon footprint is to buy or swap for used clothing in your own community, since transporting clothes from faraway manufacturers emits a great deal of carbon. You can help your students by hosting a used clothing swap at your school. Students can bring in unwanted clothes and shoes and trade with their classmates. Unwanted shoes can also be recycled through the [Reuse-A-Shoe program](#).

## Local Partner Spotlight

### Olympic Sculpture Park

Seattle's Olympic Sculpture Park will be wrapping up EE Week with an Earth Day kick-off event on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Participants will learn strategies for reducing their family's climate footprint, create their own critter out of soil, take a muddy pledge, enjoy storytime and games,

and pick up their own home energy kit. [Learn more](#)

## SAM OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK

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

### Featured Lesson Plan Green Building and Climate

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 themes. Today's featured lesson explores [Green Building and Climate](#).

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



### Great Copy Machine Epidemic Epidemic Update

On April 17<sup>th</sup> schools from across America took part in The Great Copy Machine Epidemic of 2008, a concerted effort to help diagnose a strange, contagious disease that has struck school photocopier machines. This disease makes copiers chew up trees at an amazing rate and contributes to climate change through deforestation and carbon emissions from paper manufacturing.



Now schools have done their part to diagnose what contagious disease is causing their copy machines to spiral out of control, but they need your help. Go to [www.greatcopyepidemic.com](http://www.greatcopyepidemic.com) beginning on Earth Day and cast your vote for the school you believe came up with the most creative, fun, educational diagnosis to help determine which school has solved The Great Copy Machine Epidemic of 2008!



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.

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