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National Environmental Education (EE) Week is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States.

EE Week connects educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment.

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Did you know...?

Coral reefs support more species per square meter than any other ocean ecosystem.

Source: [Smithsonian Ocean Portal](#)



See more [ocean facts](#) in English and Spanish.

School Spotlight

Central Elementary School

At Central Elementary School in Lexington, Va., second, third and fifth graders are making ocean connections through three projects leading up to National Environmental Education Week. They have determined that the school grounds contain pollution from cars and buses that will eventually end up in the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. In order to mitigate the effects of these pollutants, students are planting vegetation to stabilize the school's rain garden and adding rock to runoff areas to reduce erosion and slow the flow of runoff. Second graders are contributing by cleaning up trash in and around their local creek in order to help the wildlife habitat and to clean water traveling to the Chesapeake Bay. Inspired by last year's oil spill, the fifth grade focuses on reducing fossil fuel impact on the local watershed. They have recently completed the installation of solar panels to power a pump that runs the school aquarium.



Central Elementary students work to reduce runoff into their local creek.

For more stories, visit us [online](#).

Partner Spotlight

National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB)

The NOSB is a high school academic competition that provide a forum for students to test their knowledge of the marine sciences. The competition includes 25 regional competition locations with 300 schools and over 2,000 students participating annually. [Learn more](#).



This year, EE Week partnered with the NOSB to create a set of [Ocean Bees Quizzes](#). Similar to EE Week's Nature Bees and Water Bees, these short, online, grade-appropriate quizzes test students' knowledge of various ocean topics and provide explanations of the answers.

Featured Resource

Smithsonian Ocean Portal

The Ocean Portal, developed by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, is an interactive website that inspires awareness, understanding and stewardship of the world's oceans. In addition to an introduction to ocean science, marine life and a history of the ocean, the website provides lesson plans, activities and resources for educators. [Learn more](#)



The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) provides knowledge to trusted professionals who, with their credibility, amplify messages to national audiences to solve everyday environmental problems. Together, we generate lasting positive change.

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