



National Environmental Education Week

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Scientists estimate that there are at least a million new species to be discovered in the deep oceans.

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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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School Spotlight

Montgomery School

Seventh graders at Montgomery School in Chester Springs, Pa. are raising awareness of water conservation and stormwater management. The students are led by their teacher, David Kline, who developed a pilot program for the school entitled Programs for Environmental Awareness and Sustainability (PEAS). This year, student projects include Sustainable Watersheds PEAS and Sustainable



Energy Generation and Conservation. As part of the projects, Kline and his class are raising Brook Trout to be released in a few weeks. Students are also looking forward to an overnight field trip where they will learn how water in streams affects downstream habitats. In celebration of National Environmental Education Week, these seventh graders are working to raise awareness about sustainable water consumption and are interested in building a partnership to help supply water to a third world country.

Montgomery School has been chosen as the [PA Trout in the Classroom](#) featured school for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Partner Spotlight

Earth Day Network

[Earth Day Network](#) (EDN) grew out of the first Earth Day back in 1970. Since then, they have created opportunities for the public to interact with and protect the environment. In addition to civic engagement, EDN orchestrates the [Green Schools Campaign](#), which helps schools save money, energy and water. EDN also provides teachers and school administrators with tools and resources to promote civic participation and develop a sense of environmental responsibility in students through their [Educator Network](#).



In celebration of EE Week's 2011 theme: [Ocean Connections](#), our friends at [Earth Day Network](#) developed five lesson plans on the ocean and oil spills to help K-12 teachers bring the topics into the classroom. Developed by and for educators, these interdisciplinary lessons are correlated to national content standards in science, social studies and math. Download the [ocean lesson plans](#) or check out the [oil spill lesson plan](#) to learn more.

Featured Resource

The JOIDES Resolution

The [JOIDES Resolution](#) (JR) is a scientific research vessel run by the [US Implementing Organization](#). The JR drills core samples and collects measurements from under the ocean floor, giving scientists a glimpse into Earth's development. The JR's complement includes scientists, technicians and crew members, who might be marine professionals or ocean drilling specialists.



The JOIDES Resolution.

In addition to a host of [teacher resources](#) provided online, the JR offers a unique professional development opportunity for educators, called [Teacher at Sea](#). Through the Teacher at Sea program, educators have the opportunity to learn shipboard science alongside the expedition's science party and translate their learning experiences for students. Teachers can also request a [live video broadcast](#), enabling students to connect with the educators and scientists aboard the JR.

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