

The Buzz

Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries. This year, Earth Day will be celebrated differently due to the COVID-19. Below is a list of activities you and your family can do while still practicing social distancing and quarantine.

- * Build a birdhouse and hang in your backyard.
- * Start a garden in your backyard.
- * Recycle plastic.
- * Go for a walk around the block or go to a nearby park. Remember, 6 FEET APART!!
- * Start a compost pile. You can then use this as fertilizer in your garden.
- * Get crafty with DIY. You can Google nature DIYs if you don't have any ideas!
- * Check out this website for more ideas!
Kidsgardening

Mahdi Abedali wins Abdullah Hammoud Student Contest

Representative Abdallah Hammoud created a writing/creative contest for students k-12. The challenge was to write: what makes you proud to be from Dearborn or Michigan. Our very own Madi Abedali submitted his essay about Dearborn and won :) His essay really shows his love for his home, Dearborn. Below is the essay he wrote. We are so proud of you Mahdi!!

Home. You read that word and automatically, there was a familiar warm feeling of comfort inside. To me, that word is Dearborn.

Over the last ten years that I have lived here, this city has grown into a community that shaped me into the person I want to become. Many students like me, have been influenced by our leaders in the community with friends and family to look up to, transforming us into capable young adults.

Dearborn is also a home to many, as it was built on immigrants and many generations. It is a beloved community that is also built on diversity, asylum seekers, and citizens. Dearborn, is where our stories begin. Here, we are a family even when we are not related.

This city is a place that

when I think of home, that is where my mind wanders. Someone once told me that you cannot smell your own home. But I do. Walking where the sky and sun freely roam, the odor flows whether it is families getting the usual breakfast from the bakery, the typical weekend barbecue, or even the smell of shawarma on drives.

When it comes to saying what I am proud of, it doesn't just settle with one answer because "proud" alone is an understatement. As this city grows, so does my love for it. I am grateful for what Dearborn has to offer, and I will do my best to give back to the city that I love to call my home.

Inside this issue:

-Even though we won't see each other face to face, we still wanted to share our thoughts and ideas with you guys. Maybe that the newspaper is online and in color, more of you would be interested :) We hope you enjoy this issue! We would love to hear your feedback. Feel free to email me: irbashz@dearbornschools.org

-Virtual fieldtrips!!

-Celebrity read alouds

-DIY hand sanitizer

-And more!

We want to see how you celebrate Earth Day! Tag @swoodworthstudentcouncil and use hashtag #EarthDayHornetStyle. You can also DM them your pictures.

Virtual Fieldtrips

Since we won't be able to have actual field trips any time soon due to the coronavirus, we found a few websites that you can go to for a virtual field trip.

Click on the links to go to the website that you feel most interested in visiting! Have fun :)

- ◆ Boston Children's Museum walk through. This website allows you to do a virtual walk through inside the museum. You can look at displays and

exhibits all from home! Click on [Boston Children's Museum](#) to get to the site.

- ◆ Stellarium allows you to look at the night sky for where you live. It gives you information on what stars and planets you can see from your backyard. It's pretty cool! You can then take your family outside at night and try and locate some of the stars and planets that

you may see. Click on [Stellarium](#) to go to the website.

- ◆ Ever dreamed of visiting the Great Wall of China? Now you can! All from the comfort of your own home :) You can take a virtual walk on the Great Wall of China. Click on [The China Guide](#) to go the website.
- ◆ 360 City allows you to view pictures of famous

landmarks in 360 view. You can either search for a specific place, or explore places that the website recommends. Keep in mind that you may not find every location you search for! My personal favorite are Petra in Jordan and Al Aqsa Mosque in Palestine :) Click on [360 City](#) to go to the website!

Happy travels ;)

Learning at Home

We know it can be tough learning at home (and you can admit, sometimes boring). That is why we compiled a list of some cool websites that you can use to learn information in a fun way.

- Funbrain is a website that has everything! Books, games, videos, math fun, you name it! The videos range from funny to sci-
- Kids National Geographic is a website for science fun. It has experiments that you can do at home and information about different animals. To learn more,

click on Kids [National Geographic](#).

- Houston Zoo Youtube channel has a ton of videos on the different animals you would find in their zoo. Check out their channel here: [Houston Zoo](#).
- Readtheory is a website that allows you to take short reading quizzes. The questions are similar to ones you might see on NWEA. It is easy and free to set

up an account. Go to [Readtheory](#) to get started.

Happy learning!



Art Submissions
Drawing by AmataKareem



Art Submissions
Drawing by Ms. Irbash



DIY Your Own Hand Sanitizer

What you need:

- 3/4 cups of rubbing alcohol (99 percent)
- 1/4 cup aloe vera gel (to keep hands smooth)
- 10 drops of essential oil like lavender oil. Or you can use lemon juice instead.

Directions:

- Pour all ingredients in a bowl.
- Mix with a spoon then beat with a whisk to turn it into a gel.
- Pour mixture into an empty hand sanitizer bottle and voila! Home made hand sanitizer. (Still have to wash your hands for 20 seconds thought)

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Celebrity Read Aloud

Here are two videos of celebrities reading books. Enjoy!

- ⇒ David Harbour who plays Jim Hopper in Stranger Things and Red Guardian in the upcoming Black Widow movie reads Snapssy the Alligator. [Click here](#) to watch the video.
- ⇒ Oprah Winfrey is a well known talk show host. Listen to her as she reads the Hula Hoopin' Queen [here](#).

We Live in an Unpredictable Life

By: AmataKareem

During this time, I realized that life is very unpredictable and things won't always go the way you want them to go. We are always going to have challenges and when we make it through one, another one is going to come along. Life is unpredictable and you can't always see what's coming next. You have to make decisions that you think are best for you, but accept that things might not go the way you planned. This time is one of those unpredictable times that we didn't even think of. However, being okay and safe is what matters the most in life.