

Green Team Activities - October 2020

King County Green School Program will offer monthly Green Team Activities for you to use in 2020-21. Providing spaces for students to learn about sustainability, connect, and build community is important. You could use one of these activities in your first Green Team meeting or in a classroom. Activities can be used asynchronously via email or community boards, or synchronously in virtual meetings.

- Sign up for a virtual workshop for your class or student team
 King County offers free virtual workshops on topics ranging from biodiversity to solid waste for elementary, middle, and high school students.
- 2. **Start a virtual book club:** Visit <u>How to Set Up a Virtual Book Club for Students</u>
 Discuss articles or conduct a read aloud, then talk about actions students can carry out.
 - Book recommendations for elementary school students

Green Teams who meet asynchronously could watch these videos.

- o Grades K 2: 10 Things I Can Do to Help My World by Melanie Walsh.
- Grades 3 5: <u>Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are</u> Helping to Protect Our Planet by Harriet Romer.
- Article recommendations for secondary school students
 - <u>Practicing sustainability during a pandemic</u> by Alison Hewitt, University of California, Los Angeles, August 28, 2020.
 - The science of how climate change impacts fires in the West by Alejandra Borunda, September 17, 2020.
 - Alarmed by Scope of Wildfires, Officials Turn to Native Americans for Help by Jill Cowen, New York Times, October 7, 2020.
- 3. <u>Student Change-makers</u> (for middle and high school students)
 Read about students who are making changes in their communities. Green Team members can choose who they feel most inspired by and share out why, then think about projects they can do to increase sustainability in their communities.
- 4. **Read about upcycle projects** to inspire students to make their own upcycled art.
 - For elementary students
 - Kenya's Art book and video by Linda Trice (author), Hazel Mitchell (illustrator)
 - o https://www.upcyclecrc.org/lesson-plans.html
 - For secondary students
 - o https://www.theodysseyonline.com/8-ways-upcycle-trash-college-edition
- 5. Plan for a sustainable Halloween with your Green Team (for all grade levels)
 Includes fun tips for making Halloween decorations from upcycled milk jugs, cereal boxes, old bed sheets, and egg cartons.