

# ENVIRONMENT WEEK 2009

Celebrating  
20 years

May 31 – June 6

## 10 Ways Alberta schools can participate in Environment Week 2009

Environment Week is celebrated in Alberta the first week in June. Open your doors, invite your community in and showcase the learning and work students are embracing to help the environment.

1. Use Environment Week as a time to profile an environmental action project. Do you have a plan to naturalize the school yard, a rain barrel program, anything that can inspire others?
2. Host an environment fair in the gym. Bring in local groups and have them set up booths. Give students an opportunity to see a worm (vermi) compost, learn how to plant a small garden in a container, build bird houses or do a clean-up...your community has lots to offer.
3. Hang Environment Week posters around the school. Send us e-mail and make your request for posters: [env.education@gov.ab.ca](mailto:env.education@gov.ab.ca)
4. Register as a [Green Stop](#). A **Green Stop** is an event that any group can organize to engage and educate other citizens. It can be anything from displays, walks, talks, clean-ups to hands on experiences with nature. To register your event, go to [www.environment.alberta.ca](http://www.environment.alberta.ca) and click on Education tab to find Environment Week.
5. Have students bring zero-waste lunches for the week. Follow through and make a commitment to have the school participate in Waste Reduction Week, (third week) October 18-24, 2009.
6. Use the week as an idle-free week for parents, buses and staff.
7. Have a Carbon-free Day and encourage students to walk or ride their bikes to school where possible. Challenge students: What else can you do?
8. As a school, make a pledge to do One Simple Act. Join the movement at [www.onesimpleact.alberta.ca](http://www.onesimpleact.alberta.ca) Have each classroom develop five things they will do to conserve resources while at school.
9. Make daily announcements to help students think about actions they can do at home or at school that are more environmentally friendly.
10. Start now. Do something. Embed environment actions and themes into each month so environmental actions are practised all year round.

Your Action Counts

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