

Earth Week at Thurston

A recap of our activity filled week

Celebrating Earth Week at Thurston



I was fortunate enough to be able to pause PLTW classes and dedicate my time to 'get your hands dirty' kind of

activities! We accomplished so much for Thurston's environment. Read on to find out how each student at Thurston was involved.

5th Grade...learned about and helped maintain Thurston's rain gardens in the area around the school. The students removed old growth, picked up trash and cleaned up the areas. The Green School 5th graders also made bird feeders this year.

4th Grade...students learned about tree health in the Thurston Nature Center and removed invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle. They did an amazing job cleaning out around the established trees.



Kindergarten mulching the playground.



Young 5 planting seeds in the veggie garden.



4th Grade Tree Health



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3rd Grade... students collected macro-invertebrates in the Thurston Pond. The goal was to find ones that are highly sensitive to pollutants. We were successful! The students found dragonfly nymphs, caddisfly larvae, mayfly nymphs, and damselfly nymphs. Cheers to clean water at the Thurston Pond.

2nd Grade... learned about Thurston's Monarch Way Station Status. The students also made and dispersed seed bombs to increase the type of plants that attract butterflies to the TNC area.

PreK, Young 5, Kinder and 1st grade... all planted seeds in their garden beds. Harvesting will happen in June. K and 1st also mulched the playground. PK and Y5 also went on a sensory walk in the TNC.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

Administration, teachers, teacher assistants and staff for your support the entire week!

Elizabeth Morehead helped plan and implement ALL of the grade level activities. This week would not have been possible without her help!

Catie Wytychak, our friend from the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, designed and led the 5th grade rain garden activities.

Sandy Breck and Cat Adams helped plan and facilitate the 2nd grade activity with the butterfly gardens and the seed bombs.

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