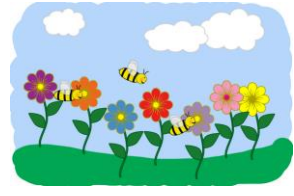




The Natural Wonder

April 7, 2017



HABITAT DAYS

APRIL 20-21

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Every class is going to be spending some time in our school gardens on Habitat Days, and we need your help! Volunteers will either lead the students in a quick activity, help the students with planting or weeding, or train them on how to take care of the plants. We know there are lots of you who garden out there--we'd love to have you share your expertise with our kids! Even if you don't have any gardening experience, don't worry--Juliana Yaskin and Lauren Harnishfeger, our fearless Habitat Days parent leads, will help train you. This year we are looking for volunteers who can commit to spending at least an hour or two with us--if you can stay for longer, like a half-day or the whole day, go ahead and sign up for more than one shift!

Sign up here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4BAFAA29A2FD0-habitat1

Please email Ms. Lin at stephanie.lin@apsva.us if you have any questions.

First Grade Field Trip

Our Natural Wonders will be heading to the [United States Botanic Gardens](#) on Monday, May 1st. While there we not only hope to see some interesting plants, but we also hope to connect what we see to what we will learn in the classroom about plants, their parts, and their needs.

Ask Your Wonder...

- To tell you the time when the clock shows an even hour or thirty minutes past the hour.
- What act(s) they enjoyed in the school's Variety Show!

Looking for Spring Break Project Ideas...? Here are a few!

- ❖ Create [Oobleck](#) (is it a solid or a liquid??) or do another fun [science experiment!](#)
- ❖ Have your child create a diorama of a book they are reading or have recently enjoyed.
- ❖ Visit local monuments and historic places, especially those relating to famous Virginians! Think Mount Vernon, Jamestown, or Monticello!
- ❖ Write a friendly letter to a family member or friend. Take a trip to the Post Office to mail it!
- ❖ Traveling? Create a photo scrapbook or journal of your trip.
- ❖ Use recycled or old household materials to create a "shop" or market in your house. Use spare change to buy items.
- ❖ Choose one day and keep a "time journal". Record what time you do activities throughout the day.

Upcoming Dates

April 10-14- Spring Break

April 17- Teacher Workday

April 20-21- Habitat Days

April 26- Early Release

May 1- Field Trip (Botanical Gardens)

Happy Spring Break

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