



Let's Celebrate Earth Day!

[Earth Day](#) was established on April 22, 1970 when people were becoming environmentally aware and created a special day to come together and acknowledge their commitment to protecting and sustaining our planet. Click here to see a little more about the [history of Earth Day](#). Have we taken action on some of the things people were concerned about back then?

At McKinley, our students do many things to help protect the environment and make our school better and healthier! You have probably helped with composting, which reduces the waste going to the landfill AND helps improve our garden soil! Maybe you've come to school for a Green Day work party, when families come together to make our school more beautiful. Green Day projects have included planting trees and gardens, building raised garden beds and the garden shed, painting the storm drains to raise awareness about protecting our ocean, and adding tile and other colorful art to our school campus. During garden class, you've probably helped by picking up trash around campus, and 2nd graders even organized a trash pickup during recess this year!

EXTENDING THIS...what ideas do you have about ways we could make our school a healthier place for students, teachers/staff, and for the planet too? Send us your ideas and once we get back to campus, we can work together to bring about more positive changes to our school!

Here are some ideas from [San Diego Unified Recycling](#)

You've learned a lot at school and garden class about which items we can recycle, and also what kind of things we can [compost](#), the ones that are BIODEGRADABLE! [...it breaks down!]. This includes fruit and vegetable scraps, leaves, paper and much more! Share your knowledge with your family this Earth Day!

Let us know how things are GROWING as well as DECOMPOSING with a photo,

a short message or a longer message!

You can message us via email (below).

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