

Green Teams Calendar and Project Ideas

Annual

September: Recruit students, establish green team, understand waste process and ensure bins and sign are set-up (help identify improvements needed)

Sept/Oct: Global Food Waste Prevention Week

October, first Wednesday: International Walk + Roll to School Day

October/November Pumpkin recycling campaign (either collect or promote existing programs)

November Plastic Free Lunch Day

November 14: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

December: Gift Give, Gently used toy and book drive

December: Promote Christmas tree best practices, use Boy Scout composting pickup

(Deschutes National Forest holiday tradition-cut your own tree, Fourth graders eligible for free Christmas tree permit as a part of the *Every Kid Outdoors* initiative)

January: Idle-Free campaign (many ideas, Thank you for Not Idling parade, signs/pompoms!)

February: Love the Bus month campaign

April Earth Month, April 22 Earth Day

May: Rubbish Renewed Fashion Show, fun green team attendance or design an outfit

June: Sustainable Clean out events for locker clean out, staff moving and retiring, etc

2026-2027

September 28-October 4: Global Food Waste Prevention Week

October 7, 2026- International Walk + Roll to School Day

November 13, 2026- Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

November 16th - 20th, 2026 Plastic Free Lunch Days

February 1, 2027 Love the Bus Month starts

February 3, 2027 Winter Walk + Roll to School Day

April 9, 2027 El Camino de Dolores (Dolores's Path) Walk + Roll to School Day OR

April 22, Earth Day Walk + Roll to School Day

Earth Day/Month ideas- Daily Challenges such as zero waste lunch that earns points toward a class prize such as a pizza party

May TBD Attend, as a group, the Realms fashion show-Rubbish Renewed

Individual School On-going or weekly Ideas, depending on interest/capacity

- Composting at lunch (if applicable), volunteer monitors, set up share table
- Power down Friday campaigns, reminders to teachers
- Bottle and can recycling collections
- Terracycle box collections of hard to recycle items
- Gardens, veggies and/or pollinator

Individual School Ideas, depending on events

- Provide zero/ low waste services at school events (welcome back , STEAM night, open house, etc) ([borrow resources from The Environmental Center](#))
- Table at STEAM night or school open houses, many topics to choose from!
- Field trip to the capital
- Sneaker collection drive ([Got Sneakers](#), maybe do early in the year to have funds for projects)
- Provide content/slideshow/ materials on various topics at trainings for staff, to advisory teachers for them to present, and/or all-school present at assemblies (ie how to recycle in Oregon with videos of material recovery facility?)
- Invite speakers to assemblies
 - High Desert Museum <https://highdesertmuseum.org/discovery-class-registration>
 - The Environmental Center (free EarthSmart program for 4th and 5th graders)
 - Think Wild
 - Wilson Wewa, storyteller and the Warm Spring's Paiute Tribe's oral historian
 - Jeska Clark, arctic explorer <https://www.jeskaclark.com/>
- Mentor/Big Buddy program-HS students volunteer to help put on Elementary walk+roll day, for example
- Litter pickup events
- Halloween costume exchange program

High School project ideas

- Sustain BLS campaign- interview and highlight staff and students doing good things! Need catchy name- Sustainable humans? GoneGreen? EcoHeroes?
- Green career fair
- Graduation gown reuse program
- Clothing Swap
- Movie/Documentary night (+ discussion?)
- Student presentations on topics in sustainability (e.g. Fast Fashion)
- Civic engagement activities such as partnering with OR League of Conservation Voters to vet political candidates, current elected officials, etc
- Volunteering at community events
- Volunteering at local farms (Fields Farm and Around the Bend Farm)
- Locker clean out best practices, donation supported
- 2026-27 new Sustainability Plan needs to be created! Need student voices.

Mentor Match Schools:**North**

North Star- Lava Ridge- Ponderosa

Sky View Middle School

Mountain View High School

East

Ensworth- Bear Creek- Amity

Bend High School

Buckingham and Realms

Central

Juniper

Pilot Butte Middle School

Deschutes River High at Bend Tech Academy

West

Highland- Westside Village- High Lakes- Miller

Pacific Crest and Cascade Middle Schools

Summit High School

South

Silver Rail- Jewell- Pine Ridge- Elk Meadow- Three Rivers

High Desert Middle School

Caldera High School

LaPine

La Pine El -Rosland

La Pine Middle

La Pine High