

IVY HILL EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES APRIL 18 - 22, 2016

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22), the Ivy Hill PTA's Environmental Awareness Committee is sponsoring a week of activities designed to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage families to reduce, reuse and recycle! Here's an overview of our 2016 Earth Week Activities.

- ***“Lend A Hand” to Protect the Environment:*** Over the weekend, ask your child to trace his/her hand on a sheet of scrap paper. Then, inside the handprint, they can write one thing they'll do to help protect the environment (from turning off the lights to planting a tree). Students should include their name and teacher on the handprint and **return it to their teacher on Monday, April 18**. We'll post all handprints in the Commons area on April 20th. *Every student who turns in a handprint will be entered in a drawing with the winners announced on Earth Day.*
- ***Go Green in April with these Recycling Drives April 18 – April 29th***
 1. ***“Bag for Bags” Collection:*** Bring a bag filled with plastic bags & film packaging (over TP, paper towels...) to our recycle bin in the Commons area & know that you are making a difference in saving the Earth.
 2. ***E-Waste Drive:*** Bring in all old cell phones, digital cameras, select toner & ink jet cartridges, IPOD devices, laptops, notebooks, e-readers, tablets and IPADs to the E-Waste recycle bin in the Commons area. Ivy Hill earns points for all the E-Waste we collect which can be redeemed for dollars for Ivy Hill! Please put items in a plastic bag & include your name & grade on bag so you can be entered in raffle on Friday, April 29th.
 3. ***Reuse –A-Shoe Drive during Earth Week & beyond***
Bring in your old shoes so they can be reused and recycled instead of ending up in landfills. All shoes except winter boots are accepted. ***Please either put each pair of shoes in a recycled plastic bag, wrap with a rubber band or tie them together. Be sure to include your name & teacher's name on the plastic bag or piece of paper with the rubber band so you can be entered in our raffle, which will take place Friday, April 29th***
- ***Free giveaway for all students for Earth Week:*** Everyone will receive a little something to thank you for “thinking green” & as a reminder to take care of our earth – reduce, reuse & recycle everyday!
- ***“Be Cool & Walk to School” on Earth Day:*** Friday, April 22nd and get a cool stamp for participating. More information on event will be emailed next week.
- ***In the spirit of Earth Week, wear green or blue on Earth Day, Friday, 4/22.***
- ***Ivy Hill Book Drive***
Thank you for collecting your new and gently used books for the Ivy Hill Book Drive, which took place 3/30 – 4/13. All of these books were donated to Bernie's Book Bank to increase book ownership among at-risk infants, toddlers & school age children through out Chicagoland. Congratulations we collected over ____ books!

