

Living Schoolyard Month 2017 Calendar of Events

Courtesy of the CREEC Network Region 8 – www.creec.org
and Central Coast Green Building Council Green Schools Team
<http://www.usgbcc4.org/greenschools>



May 3rd - Mayor of Atascadero acknowledges Monterey Road Elementary for their CA Green Ribbon Silver Award - Mayor O'Malley will be recognizing the school for the CA Green Ribbon Award at 3:15 in front of City Hall on Wednesday, May 3rd.

Monterey Road Elementary celebrates Living Schoolyard Month all of May

Monterey Road school in Atascadero will be celebrating Living schoolyard month for basically the whole month with the construction of their food forest in partnership with One Cool Earth. They have student work days every Thursday and it will be mostly complete before summer.

May 3rd - 23rd - Almond Acres kicks off No Trash Lunches and goes on field trips

Almond Acres is planting seeds in "milk carton gardens" so they can be brought into the classroom to study. They weeded and prepared a garden area. They are having a "no trash" lunch contest to create sustainability awareness. The kickoff for No Trash Lunch is May 3rd and on May 23rd they are visiting Liberty and Virginia Peterson to see their garden programs.

May 4th - Friends and Family Garden Celebration at Teach Elementary School, SLO

Thursday, May 4 - 12:30-1:15 pm

We invite family, friends, partner organizations and the whole community to join us for a garden celebration that includes dishes with fresh veggies from our garden, garden and vermicomposting tours by garden students and information about our future native plant garden.

May 6th CCC Food Garden Installation

Saturday, May 6th – 9am – 1pm

During the event we will take the first steps towards preparing a food garden, which would provide California Conservation Corps (CCC) members with fresh fruits and vegetables. The type of work is subject to change but would most likely include installing a fence, turning soil, setting up seed flats, and vertical planting. It's a good chance to learn gardening skills that you can take back to your own home!

May 10th - Mary Buren School in Guadalupe receives \$500 Gateway to Green Schools check

At the School Board meeting on May 10th the Central Coast Green Building Council will present a check for \$500 for their green school project which involves recycling and gardening education.

To find out how your school can become a Gateway to Green Schools click here:

<http://www.usgbcc4.org/gatewaytogreenschools>





Garden Workdays at One Cool Earth schools

Time Commitment: (10am-12pm) 2 hours

Register on their website: www.onecoolearth.org

When and Where:

1. **Sunday, May 7th** at San Gabriel Elementary (Atascadero). We will be installing some bender board for pathway edges, wheelbarrowing and spreading decomposed granite to make walkways.
2. **Sunday, May 7th** at Winifred Pifer Elementary (Paso Robles). We will be creating a pumpkin patch!
3. **Saturday, May 13th** at San Benito Elementary (Atascadero). We will be spreading woodchips in the garden since they are good organic mulch!
4. **Saturday, May 20th** at Winifred Pifer Elementary (Paso Robles). We will be creating a tree orchard.
5. **Saturday, May 20th** at San Benito Elementary (Atascadero). We will be spreading woodchips in the garden since they are good organic mulch!

School Open Houses

May 24th at Cambria Grammar School

May 25th at Oceano, Ocean View and Grover Beach

Sunday, May 28th at Liberty High School (Paso Robles). We'll be organizing the nursery, mulching, transplanting, and weeding.

**BIKE TO
SCHOOL DAY**

May is also Bike Month -WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017-

Bike Month is gearing up, now with over 80 events planned, including one giant Bike to Work Day celebration, Friday, May 19th and Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 10th. View the events calendar, log trips and challenge others online, win prizes, and more!

<https://rideshare.org/program/bike-month/>

May 10th Bike to School Day

For a full list of all schools participating in Bike to School Day on May 10th click here:

<https://rideshare.org/program/safe-routes-to-school/>

Bike to School Week at Oceano Elementary

May 8th – 12th For Details Contact: Jim DeCecco, Teacher at Oceano jrdececco@hotmail.com



Milk Carton Garden at Almond Acres