

# THE DIRT

CONSERVATION EDUCATION NEWS



Serving Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties Virginia

A Newsletter About Natural Resource and Science Education

## The Show Must Go On

- [Poster Contest](#): “Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators” hand drawn poster contest continues. Entries due April 22 2020.
- “Earth Day Everyday” [Photo Contest](#) Statewide digital images (up to 10). Due 7/31/20
- [Youth Conservation Camp Scholarships](#) due April 20
- ◆ [EC2020 Earth Challenge](#)—A citizen scientist challenge-- add the app to join
- [Journey North](#)—Be a citizen scientist record the arrival of migrating species.

## Note from PSWCD:

*You might be feeling overwhelmed by the sudden change in teaching style and the overload of virtual teaching resources. None of us expected the abrupt closure of school buildings and instant need for remote learning. I am here to support and help you through this uncharted experience.*

*The staff of Virginia Soil & Water Conservation Districts statewide has teamed together to provide you with a list of reputable remote teaching links to assist in teaching about natural sciences. The list is fluid and will change as we find more helpful stuff.*

*This newsletter, “The Dirt”, is designed for you. If you need something that you do not see here, please do not hesitate to ask for it, as I am here to help you. Best wishes to you and your students for smooth learning.*

*Kelly*

## Thoughts

This is a great time to plan for the 2020-2021 school year. If you want to start a green team, bring recycling to your school, do an action project with students, do a [MWEE](#) (meaningful watershed experience), grow a garden, take the kids for a paddle on the river...etc. I can help!

## THE List of Links

[Here](#) you will find lessons, virtual experiences and so much more. This is an active list and may change frequently so please bookmark your favorites.

Hope it is helpful!

## Grant Opportunities + Ideas for next school year

- \$ [National Geographic](#)
- \$ [Walmart Outreach Grants](#)
- ⇒ \$ [EE and Stewardship Grants](#)    \$ [Get Ed Funding](#) —all kinds of grants
- ⇒ [Plan a PBL tool](#)
- ⇒ [Become a certified Environmental Educator](#)
- ⇒ [School Recycling Challenge](#)—by TREX

## Spotlight

This section is for you! Here a person or organization that plays a role in environmental education will be recognized. Send me pictures and descriptions of environmental education happening by you and around you.

Please share resources and ideas I want

