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WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

I hope you are as excited as I am to start the 2025-2026 school year! I also hope you will join me in making it a goal to teach youth about the importance of protecting our natural world and to develop an appreciation of our limited natural resources. As you know, the news can be scary for kids and the term “eco-anxiety” has come up in my work many times. The good news is that the natural environment is resilient and able to bounce back from distress. My job and goal is to assist and encourage you in teaching conservation to your students. Here at PSWCD we offer FREE programs to help teach about natural resources. I am available to come to your classroom, if requested, or you may borrow our resources. I am also available to help you find the “right” lesson, lab or activity to fit your plans.



Contact me via email or phone anytime to get started.

Together we CAN make a real difference!

-Kelly



Available lesson topics:

watersheds ✦ water quality ✦ water cycle ✦ wetlands ✦ soils ✦ ecosystems
pollination ✦ meaningful watershed educational experiences (MWEE)
✦ other natural resource topics available upon request ✦

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Conservation Matters

Conservation Matter Contest

Now is the time to get your students involved in our Conservation Matters Contest. This includes researching a monthly conservation theme and submitting a completed card in May for a small prize and certificate. All ages welcome!

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