

Good day, St. Gabriel Parents and Caregivers.

Today is Earth Day. It was founded in the Spring of 1970 because Gaylord Nelson, a Wisconsin Senator, was concerned about pollution on our earth. Our school community is also concerned about caring for our planet as God intended us to do so. Our ECO team has planned a variety of activities this



week to commemorate Earth Day and Earth Week. Earth Week is an opportunity for our school community to come together and reflect on the importance of protecting our planet and taking action to preserve its natural resources for future generations. Here are some important dates for the week to keep in mind and for your child to participate in.

**Mindful Monday (April 22nd):** Turn off lights and electronics that are not being used at home. Take your learning outside today! Go for a walk and appreciate the beauty of our world!

**Trashless Tuesday (April 23rd):** Let's conscientiously assess our waste production both at school and at home. Encourage your child to bring a litterless lunch, utilizing reusable containers and water bottles to minimize waste.

**Walk to School Wednesday (April 24th):** Conserve energy! Reduce your carbon footprint by walking or biking to school today! Let's see which class will have the most people who walked or biked today!

**Thoughtful Thursday (April 25th):** Foster a culture of consideration for our school grounds. Join your classmates in tidying up our surroundings by picking up litter, and reinforcing the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

**Earth Friendly Friday (April 26th):** Wear blue and green (or earth tones) to show your support for the colours of the earth.

Let's embrace these opportunities throughout the week to deepen our connection to the Earth and reaffirm our commitment to its protection for generations to come.

Sincerely,

*St. Gabriel ECO Team*