

# HELP UCEC HONOR EARTH DAY

— WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND - SPECIAL EARTH DAY EDITION —

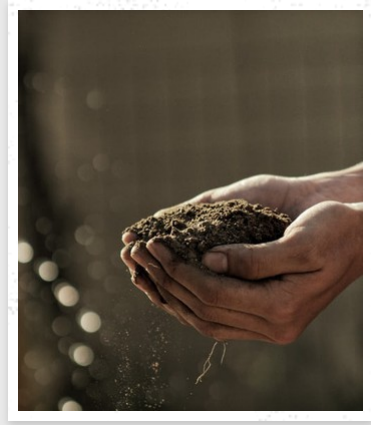
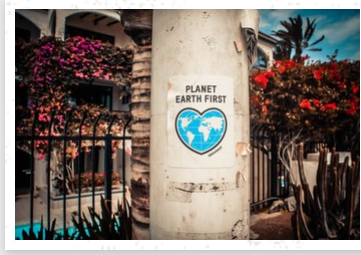
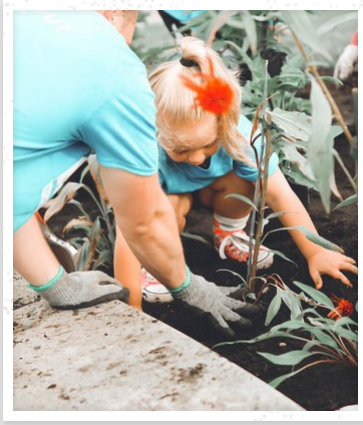
## UCEC CELEBRATES EARTH DAY 2020!

This special newsletter today is in celebration of Earth Day! April 22, 1970, was the first Earth Day ever, and now in 2020—fifty years later—we still have so many things to celebrate about our wonderful, beautiful planet. We also have so many things to continue to be mindful of and to improve so that we further sustain this phenomenal place called Earth.

What you may not know is that the first Earth Day in 1970 was not a celebration as we may deem it today. It was a day of protest and demonstration. Many people used that day to begin to make changes in the way we collectively were treating our Earth, and by extension ourselves and those around us. Today, even though we celebrate Earth Day, we still use the day as a reminder of the many changes that have occurred over time to help sustain the Earth, and the many changes that continue to be needed to have a more positive impact on our lives and those who will come after us.

This newsletter offers historical perspective, informative videos, and cultural influences of the time when Earth Day came to be. It includes history, facts and figures, and a song for the ages.

Spring is a time of renewal, and so taking time to reflect on why and how we can care for our planet is both productive and meaningful. We hope you enjoy the content in this newsletter and that you take time to think of ways you can contribute to many more Earth Days because of your actions today.



**TAKING TIME**

**TO CULTIVATE  
OUR GARDENS**

**BOTH INSIDE  
AND OUT.**

## HERE'S A CONCISE HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

If you're interested in knowing the roots of the biggest global holiday.

## EARTH DAY CHALLENGE

In the History of Earth Day video above, the presenter challenges us all to spend 15 minutes outside today! We want to issue a further challenge that while you spend those 15 minutes outside, you

1-find something you love about the Earth

2-take a picture of yourself pointing it out, and

3-post your Earth Day picture on your social media account.

Tag us on Twitter @UCEEarlyCollege or on Instagram UCEC\_MonroeNC

#EarthDayCelebration #UCECEarthDay #HonoringEarthDay

## INTERESTED IN FACTS AND FIGURES?

This is a great video produced by the American Museum of Natural History that catalogs changes on Earth related to human consumption of goods and services since the first Earth Day in 1970.

**CHECK OUT THE ARTICLE BELOW FOR  
FANTASTIC EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES FOR  
ALL GRADES**



🌍 **12 Meaningful Earth Day Activiti...** [www.weareteachers.com](http://www.weareteachers.com)

Our students are the future caretakers of our Earth. These fun Earth Day activities help empower kids to have a positive impact on the planet.

## HERE'S AN ENERGETIC, CATCHY REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE VIDEO

This is appropriate level video for many grade levels. There is great vocabulary in the video, and simple lessons for how each of us can take easy steps to reduce our carbon footprint.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEST SONG

Joni Mitchell, as a singer-songwriter, was not alone in using her singing and songwriting talents to spread the message that environmental awareness and good stewardship was vital in saving our Earth! Below is her signature song from 1970—perfect timing for the first Earth Day ever! Her song is titled "Big Yellow Taxi" and some famous lyrics from this song include "you don't know what you got 'til it's gone" and "they paved paradise and put up a parking lot." Listen for the many ways she highlights awareness and stewardship are desperately needed. Enjoy the song!

### Big Yellow Taxi





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