# Wayne County MICHIGAN GREEN SCHOOLS

## Activities: Ideas, unusual & cool

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<th>Category</th>
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| A        | 1        | • TerraCycling, Cartridges for Kids, Fundraising Factory, Recycle Cartons, Cell phones for Soldiers  
• Glue sticks, crayons, markers  
• recycling at its best  
https://jhaines6.wordpress.com/2013/05/02/something-to-lighten-and-brighten-your-day-recycling-at-its-best-enjoy-j/  
• weigh and record recycled items  
• Plasitc Bottle Bricks - http://www.earthbench.org/how-to-bottle-brick.html  
• Pizza Box Brigade – help break down and recycle boxes on pizza day. |
| A        | 2        | • Compost unused/waste fruits composted in bins  
• Vermicomposting |
| A        | 3        | • Waste Free Lunches – measure & weigh garbage on a normal day vs a waste free day |
| A        | 4        | • Door to Door Organics  
https://michigan.doortodoororganics.com/shop-good-food  
• Use VG Kids https://www.vgkids.com/ for t-shirts, stickers, posters, etc. |
| B        | 1        | • Lego Solar car races  
• Windmill Challenge – design and build a windmill |
| B        | 2        | • Installed solar panels on school |
| B        | 3        | • Use only ½ the lighting on a certain day of the week  
• Install a Green Roof,  
• Remove all small appliances from the classrooms or pay to use them.  
• Reminder signs and stickers at switches and electronics –  
• Classroom Energy Saving Patrol Team |
### B 4
- Become Meter Readers to assess energy savings
- Perform Energy audits on classroom, school, home.

### B 5

### B 6
- Make and use solar ovens for a cook out (pizza boxes, Pringles cans)
- Future City competition - [http://futurecity.org/](http://futurecity.org/)
- Energy Hog scavenger hunt [https://www.ase.org/initiatives/education](https://www.ase.org/initiatives/education)
- Students interviewed Minister of Energy and Transport for Tokelau, New Zealand
- Host an Energy Free Day – No electricity unless necessary.
- Do a Phantom Energy project

### C 1
- Use rain barrels
- Participate in the Rouge Education Project (REP) - [http://therouge.org/fotprograms/rouge-education-project/](http://therouge.org/fotprograms/rouge-education-project/)
- Determine your water footprint [http://www.gracelinks.org/about](http://www.gracelinks.org/about)
- Use Michigan Sea Grant for field trips [http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/education/](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/education/)
- Benthic monitoring on the local waterways

### C 2

### C 3
- Become a NWF certified garden

### C 4
- Create a Blue Karner or Monarch Butterfly habitat
- Set up bee boxes and create a bee habitat - [http://www.michiganbees.org/](http://www.michiganbees.org/)
- Become a monarch waystation [http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/](http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/)

### C 5
- Participate in a Community Garden
- Alliance of the Great Lakes Adopt a Beach Program [http://www.greatlakes.org/ADOPTABEACH](http://www.greatlakes.org/ADOPTABEACH)
- Write a letter to the School Board asking to eliminate Styrofoam lunch trays or to tell them about your Green School program
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| **D** | **1** | • Use Howell Nature Center for a local/Michigan animal [http://howellnaturecenter.org/support/adopt-an-animal/](http://howellnaturecenter.org/support/adopt-an-animal/)
• Sturgeon for Tomorrow [http://www.stclairsturgeon.org/page-index.html](http://www.stclairsturgeon.org/page-index.html)
• Friends of the Rouge –
• Salmon in the classroom Project [http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_50075---00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_50075---00.html)  |
| **D** | **2** | • Visit U of M Dearborn’s Environmental Interpretive Center
• Visit the International Wildlife Refuge - Trenton High, Trenton
• Midwest School Shows [http://michiganschoolshows.com/shows.html](http://michiganschoolshows.com/shows.html)  |
| **D** | **3** |   |
| **D** | **4** | • Decorate paper grocery bags with Earth Day messages –
• Participate in Earth Hour [https://www.earthhour.org/](https://www.earthhour.org/) |
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| **D** | **8** | • Create informative “green” videos and PSA’s to post on morning announcements and school websites. |
| **D** | **9** | • School District Trading Post – schools across the district can trade school/office supplies.  |
| **D** | **10** |   |
| **E** |   | • Participate in America Beautiful Recycle Bowl, [http://recyclebowl.org/](http://recyclebowl.org/)
• Participate in Walk or Bike to School Day [http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/ready/about-the-events/walk-to-school-day](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/ready/about-the-events/walk-to-school-day)
• Trashion show –
• Take the Coffee Chaff (coffee bean skins) from a local coffee shop and use as a high nitrogen mulch in your native plant and vegetable gardens
• Student videos about any “Green” topic
• My Green School Art Contest - [http://usgbc detroit.org/index.php/committees/24-green-schools](http://usgbc detroit.org/index.php/committees/24-green-schools)
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- Outdoor scavenger hunt – record, observe and discuss sighting around the school