# **OPS Green Schools Initiative Newsletter**



## **Updates & News**

## Save the Date! April 22 is Earth Day.

All month during April, there are activities and events happening around Omaha to celebrate the planet. Below are a few to share with your students.

#### **Community events:**

- <u>Earth Day Omaha</u> is having both virtual and safe inperson activities this year. More info on this in the next newsletter!
  - Mini Earth Day Omaha at Elmwood Park | April 17, 2021
  - Virtual Nebraska Earth Day Passport | April 15 –
     May 15, 2021
- <u>Flower Power</u> at the Joslyn Art Museum: A familyfriendly, art-making event celebrating art and the earth.

#### For educators:

- <u>UNO Conservation Career</u>
   <u>Conversations</u>: A good opportunity for high school students to learn about career options in the sustainability realm
- <u>Activities</u> for using in the classroom on Earth Day. Check out the site to find activities for every grade level to use to teach your students about the planet.

## **Gardening Resources**

City Sprouts and The Big Garden have teamed up to present the Growing Gardeners workshop series in March and April. Check out their <u>events calendar</u> and sign up for a virtual workshop to learn more about gardening - and gain some skills you can apply if your school has a garden!



## **School Spotlight**

Let us know if your school is doing something sustainability-related or you know about a person or project that you'd like to see featured in this newsletter.

## **Contact Us**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at kate@verdisgroup.com with any questions, comments, or if you need assistance with sustainability at your school. We are here as a resource - we can help with anything from waste and recycling infrastructure/communication to sharing OPS utility data.