

January 9, 2023, Board meeting EE update.

- Online and seat-based environmental learning plans have been updated and approved by Osprey Wilds.

Online update:

- Semester 1 mess-e projects are coming to a close and we will start to get a better idea of the effectiveness and participation as the semester ends. Semester 1 focused on clothing recycling and semester 2 will focus on water pollution.
- The online middle and high schoolers will be starting salt watch in semester 2.
- K-5 online has a class pet. We adopted Bender, a sea turtle who lives in the Turtle hospital in Florida. We explored the effects that humans can have on sea turtles and how many species are close to extinction. We will receive monthly updates and photos. We will do a virtual field trip to the hospital in February to meet Bender and the other turtles that live at the Turtle hospital.



- Online teachers are working to modify EE lessons from the project wet curriculum to work in our online setting in a training set to be completed by February.

Seat-based update:

- The seat-based program is working on some new initiatives.
- Melanie Donley and Lisa Laash are taking on training so that our students can participate in a citizen science project about phenology. (The changes in seasons.) Called the MN Phenology Network. Once our training is completed, our data will be uploaded and compiled with other citizen scientists throughout our state to track how climate change is affecting different areas of our state.
- One Book one school books and activities have been selected for grades k-4. The idea is that all grade bands will read different books about recycling and do a project that is connected to helping reduce waste and recycle. Books are in the process of being selected for 5-8.
- Joe Cutkay is going to make an interactive poster to help kids with recycling, composting and garbage. The idea is that each day there is a poster that shows what was in the school lunch that day and where the waste should go. We are hoping that this will help kids sort their garbage, compost and recycling more easily.

- Teachers are signing up to have their classrooms sign up to help out in the solarium. The jobs are jobs that kids can do with little supervision, such as feeding the fish, watering the plants and helping sweep up the floors.