

# Earth Day 2025 Feedback Summary

*A survey was provided to all staff and volunteers. Below is the summary from the responses of those surveys.*

## What Went Well

- **Top Highlights:** Stewardship activities, the Hike, and Nature Buddies were the most praised elements across both staff and volunteers.
- **Smooth Execution:** Teachers and volunteers appreciated clear communication, well-organized logistics, and a strong volunteer presence.
- **Engagement:** The obstacle course, Sing-Along, and tree planting stood out as fun and meaningful.
- **Community Spirit:** Volunteers noted a strong sense of camaraderie and felt valued through thoughtful touches like lunch and detailed station maps.

## What Could Be Improved

- **Bathroom & Water Access:** A consistent concern from both groups—especially during outdoor portions and snack times.
- **Timing & Transitions:** Some teachers felt transitions were rushed and activities felt squeezed; suggestions included more buffer time between stations.
- **Activity Fit:** The craft didn't suit all grade levels and felt rushed for some.
- **Nature Buddies:** While mostly positive, challenges included long wait times, mismatched pairs, and decreased enthusiasm later in the year.
- **BEEPS Volunteers:** Most were helpful, but some lacked clear direction or engagement. A few isolated behavioral concerns were reported.

## Suggestions for Next Year

- Provide clearer **training and expectations** for BEEPS and adult volunteers.
- Add **trash pickup** or **native garden planting** as stewardship/activity options.
- Involve **older students in leadership roles** through partnerships with Big Frost.

## Final Thoughts

Earth Day was a meaningful, joyful, and community-building event that left both staff and volunteers inspired. With a few logistical improvements and expanded student leadership, it has strong potential to grow even more impactful in future years.