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WORLD WATER DAY

Planning a school assembly, class/group presentation or club activity?

Here are some ideas to make learning about the world water crisis informative AND fun!!

ACTIVITIES FOR SMALL GROUPS

- Cake Walk game with prizes (cakes, gift certificates, tshirts) for each correct answer to a water conservation question.
- Water Relay with buckets full of water
- Fundraising – (i.e. Water Balloons on Sale for \$1.00)
- Obstacle Course with water facts posted along the course; cannot advance until you answer correctly)
- Relay race with water balloons
- Physical Activity – Pool/Swimming/Surfing/Kayaking ending with an info session
- Fishing for Facts – use fishing poles to pull numbers out of a plastic pool; each number correlates to a question, if they get it right, they win a prize (or a gold fish!)
- Display Jerricans with water facts around your school campus; collect coins in the cans to raise awareness and funds at same time.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR CLASSES

- Skits with a movie theme (think WaterWorld, Surfs Up, Little Mermaid...)
- Crossword Puzzles
- Math Riddles about the amount of years, month, days, hours of a person's life could be spent collecting water.
- Guessing Game of how many gallons of water in the school pool
- Science Riddles about the maximum volume of water that can be carried a certain distance on a human's head.
- Social Justice class – writing a paper on the impact of gender equity if women and girls no longer spent 6 hours a day collecting water but instead went to school.
- Economics class – create a statistical model of how much lost productivity in dollars and time for developing countries who lack water systems.
- Water Word Search
- Water Word Scramble
- Multiple Choice Questions

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LARGE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Quiz Show formats with water fact questions (think Jeopardy, I Want To Be A Millionaire...)
- Scavenger Hunts for water related items (sea shells, surf wax, empty plastic bottles...)
- Create a petition for students and supporters to sign and send to government officials who are sitting on Water committees in local, state and federal government.
- Fundraising competitions between grades/classes (band competition, swim competition, dance-off, car washes)
- Water balloon fight on a grassy area (you can sell balloons for \$1-\$5 each to raise money while having fun and getting wet)
- Large question and answer groups with most surprising water facts noted (for example: What is #1 killer of children in developing world? Answer: Diarrhea – caused by dirty water).
- Water Appreciation Day – get wet with an outdoor activity that is water related
- Water Conservation Day – track how many gallons of water each student can conserve in a given time period and award prizes to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners
- Organize your own 'Walk-a-thon' to train for World Water Day next year and raise funding for the cause!

Get creative – pull a group of students and administrators together and brainstorm some innovative and entertaining ways to educate each other about the world water crisis and inspire action to think and live differently when it comes to water!