



Dear Educators—

At 9:00 a.m. on World Water Day, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Clean Ocean Action and Jenkinson's Aquarium will team up for a **FACEBOOK LIVE** event where we will try to answer as many questions as we can about water quality issues and how they impact all plants and animals that rely on clean water to exist. We have assembled a team of experts in the areas of marine biology, ecology and education in an effort to answer your students' questions. If your school is unable to watch the **FACEBOOK LIVE event**, we will be posting the event immediately after on TeacherTube for you to view and use in your classroom anytime.

World Water Day is a day of recognition set aside by the United Nations to emphasize the importance of clean water in our world. Here at Clean Ocean Action, we are planning a World Water Day Extravaganza where we are asking teachers to plan a lesson about our waterways in the next couple of weeks. We are recommending a few videos (one for each grade level) to initiate and invigorate a conversation in your classrooms about the impact humans have on water quality. We are sure that students will have many question and comments on the topic after the lesson, so we would like teachers to email two or three of their students' questions to us ahead of World Water Day.

Here is a list of recommended videos around which you could plan a lesson, but if you have a lesson about water that you like or that you have used in the past, please feel free to use that instead. We strongly recommend that you preview the video that pertains to your grade level before creating your lesson.

[Elementary School](#)—"All the Way to the Ocean" by Joel Harper (available for \$2.99 on iTunes)—This is a delightful, animated tale of some friends who learn (and teach us) about the hazards of litter and other pollutants as they enter the waterways through storm drains.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/all-the-way-to-the-ocean/id1120293934>

[Middle School](#)—"The Cycle of Insanity" by Surfrider Foundation—This animated film has all you ever wanted to know about water, how it flows, water quality issues and their solutions, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPDvhJXyCWw>

[High School](#)—"Don't runoff: Engineering an urban landscape" by the Museum of Science, Boston. This film is embedded in a curriculum all about storm runoff and solutions. It states that it is intended for grades 6 – 8, but the video is great for all ages. <http://eie.org/engineering-everywhere/curriculum-units/dont-runoff>

## WORLD WATER DAY EXTRAVAGANZA—STEP BY STEP

1—Plan a lesson about water quality in the next couple of weeks. We like the videos above, but you can choose to do something different that emphasizes clean water and its importance.

2—Engage your students in a class discussion based on the video and encourage your students to submit questions about the topic. Choose two or three questions to submit to Clean Ocean Action prior to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Detailed instructions are below to submit questions.

3—Like and follow us on Facebook for reminders and updates and to view our LIVE presentation at 9:00 a.m. on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. See if we answer your questions LIVE!

4—Project the Facebook LIVE event to your class(es) on a screen large enough for everyone to view either LIVE at 9:00 a.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or recorded from TeacherTube at a later convenient time. Our experts will be interviewed in front of Jenkinson's displays, and we'll be highlighting their fun and interesting creatures throughout the event.

Feel free to contact me, Clean Ocean Action's Education Coordinator, at [AWheeler@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:AWheeler@cleanoceanaction.org) for more information and to submit your questions. When submitting your questions, don't forget to include your name (title and last name), the student's name (first name only) and your school's name. We want to recognize as many schools as we can during the event.

Jenkinson's and Clean Ocean Action are looking forward to celebrating World Water Day with you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Yours for a clean ocean,

--Amanda

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