

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING

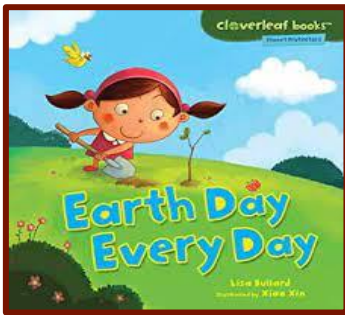
THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

April 24, 2023

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **April 26:** *Soundside Science & Story Time* for ages 3-5, 10 AM
- **May 1:** Application DEADLINE for *Core Sound Marine Science Academy* (June 20-23)

Sound Reading Material For You & Your Child



Earth Day Every Day
By Lisa Bullard

On Earth Day, we find ways to help the Earth. Trina plants trees with her class. She forms an Earth Day club with her friends. What can you do to make each day like this? Learn to do your part! Discover how to reduce, reuse, recycle, and more with Tyler and Trina in the Planet Protectors series. These nonfiction picture books feature kid-friendly text and illustrations to make learning fun!

Grade Level: preK-2
Pages: 24

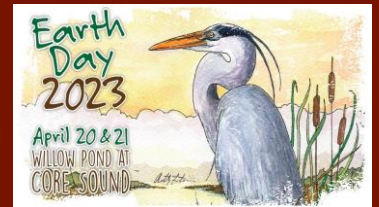
Earth Day, Another Way We Love Where We Live

“Earth Day at the Willow Pond was fantastic. Over 1000 people attended our two-day event that provided Carteret County elementary school students an opportunity to have an interactive, hands-on experience focused on celebrating our Earth and the beauty of Down East,” shared CSWM&HC science educator Catherine Norris.

Students rotated through stations and had fun learning! Earth science topics such as weather patterns, space, earth systems, earth’s changing surfaces, and fossils were demonstrated through exhibitors such as Crystal Coast Stargazers, Aurora Fossil Museum, and the National Weather Service.

Life Science topics focused on structures and functions of living things with emphasis on plants and marine organisms, ecosystems and environments, stewardship of the earth, and interconnected relations. Students visited exhibitors from local university labs, NC Cooperative Extension, Carteret County Wildlife Club, and others to learn more about these life science areas.

Lindsey Fodrie, a teacher at DEMS, reflected on the event, “Every year this event is a wonderful opportunity for DEMS 8th grade students. This year we were able to include some 7th grade students as well. The students learned much throughout the week as they prepared for the event. I am so proud to see the interactions my students had with the county’s elementary students. They became the ‘teacher’ sharing their knowledge in a way that kept the younger kids interested. It is a blessing to see my students positively represent our school!”



Choosing to Serve Others

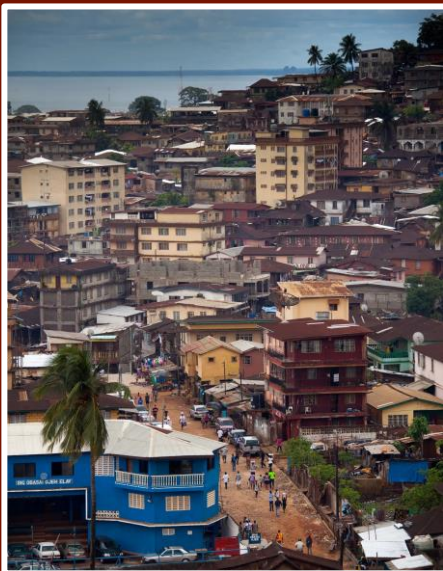
Meet Seth Taylor. His parents are Laranda Lewis Taylor from Harkers Island and Robert Taylor from Marshallberg. Seth recently boarded an airplane heading to the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, where he will prepare for his upcoming departure for West Africa!

Seth credits his willingness to leave home and serve others to both sides of his family where great examples of hard workers and determination abound. Seth said his mother's side, in particular, included generations of faithful members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints who paved the way for his current, full-time mission. He shared, "Last fall I decided to serve a mission, months after starting my career at Fleet Readiness Center East. I'm serving a mission later than the typical LDS missionary would; it doesn't bother me at all waiting a little bit later because I definitely was not ready at 18 years old."

Seth will be serving in the Sierra Leone Freetown Mission. It is a beautiful country in West Africa where its people are healing from the effects of their own civil war which happened nearly 30 years ago. As a Missionary, Seth's main purpose is to invite others to come unto Christ. He will study the scriptures daily to further understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ and then share his knowledge with others who want to learn. Seth welcomes the many service opportunities that will come his way while among the African people.

Fortunately, Seth will be speaking English, well, technically. The language in Sierra Leone is English mixed with the local language of the natives, depending on where Seth is in the country, it may change. He will train at the Missionary Training Center in Provo learning the lifestyle of a Missionary, which consists mainly of studying gospel principles and how to teach others. His day starts at 6:30 am and ends at 10:30 pm, the time in-between is invested in learning, practicing, teaching, exercising, and scripture study.

Seth would like to share with his peers, "Don't be afraid to take a different path, especially when you know it's the right path for you. Take advice and criticism from those who are happy and successful. Those people for me have a relationship with Jesus Christ and prioritize God in their lives making it no coincidence that they are happy following our Savior. Even though I have left everything behind and put my career on hold, I do not regret my decision to follow Christ. The happiness and direction it brings me is priceless."



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