



## Earth Day Network - June 2008 Newsletter

### Landmark House Action on Green Schools, No Child Left Inside



Despite the failure of the federal Climate Security Act - which Earth Day Network considered insufficient to tackle global warming - EDN had a major victory when the U.S. House of Representatives passed an historic education bill to provide \$7- billion in grants to help green schools nationwide. On June 4th, the House passed the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, which will help schools to become more energy efficient and healthier. Following that huge success, on June 18th, the House Education and Labor Committee approved an amended version of the [No Child Left Inside Act](#) (NCLI.) As part of the NCLI Coalition, EDN is working to bring science-based environmental education to the 60 million K-12 school children in the US. EDN is gearing up for the battle to pass this legislation in the Senate, as well as preparing to expand our green schools and environmental education programs internationally. [Donate now](#) and support us in our efforts to provide every child with a healthy, green education.

### Cool Globes: Hottest Exhibit of the Summer

The [Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet](#) exhibit has become one of the biggest hits of the Washington, DC summer scene. On June 10th, the US Botanic Garden, where the globes are on display, hosted a reception for more than 300 people, including members of Congress, celebrities, business leaders and representatives from the community and the arts. The globes will be placed around the city of Washington this fall and then sold next spring to benefit Earth Day Network's [green schools program](#). Earth Day Network has been greening schools across the U.S., installing green roofs and solar panels, green walls and energy efficient lighting, and even gardens and greenhouses, as well as promoting healthy food, safer cleaning products, and better recreational facilities. Green, sustainable schools have been shown to increase attendance, lessen allergies, and improve test scores.



EDN President Kathleen Rogers with Congressman John Hall (D-NY)

### Show your support and get a poster signed by a Nobel Peace Prize Winner

[Your support is vital](#) to Earth Day Network's fight to find solutions to climate change, to green schools, to provide safe drinking water and a better future for our children. The [first nine \\$100 contributions](#) to help our programs and campaigns will receive an exclusive Earth Day 2008 poster signed by Nobel Peace Prize winner Mohan Munasinghe, vice chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and a true international hero on climate change.



### Watch Earth Day 2008 Highlights on Earth Day TV!

The world is already preparing for Earth Day 2009 and looking forward to celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Earth Day in 2010, which will be a historic occasion with EDN-sponsored events on every continent in partnership with Green Apple Festival. But there still is a lot to be enjoyed from Earth Day 2008! Just posted are fantastic music and speech highlights of [Earth Day 2008 events](#) on [Earth Day TV](#) - Top-tier talent and speakers such as Chevy Chase, Edward Norton, O.A.R., Umphrey's McGee, Warren Haynes, Blake Lewis of American Idol, Joan Baez, Los Lonely Boys, the Neville Brothers and Ricky Scaggs and Kentucky Thunder came out to play and speak loudly against global warming. Tune in to [Earth Day TV](#) to watch the best moments of that unforgettable day, and visit our [events page](#) to find out what happened on Earth Day, from Argentina to Nigeria.

### Earth Day Network in the News

EDN President Kathleen Rogers was chosen as "[Power Player of the Week](#)" on Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace. EDN's Urban Environment Report was featured in a story about sustainable food on [Birmingham Weekly](#) and our call for a moratorium on new coal-fired power plants was picked up by the [Enviromedia Social Marketing blog](#). The Cool Globes exhibit also got media attention, with an article in [The Washington Times](#) and on Bloomberg Television.

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