Schoolyard Ecology Webinars & Resources

2020 Spring Workshop Session 1: Teacher Lightning Round, Discussion of Remote Outreach, and Teacher Recognition Ceremony

- **Recorded Zoom Session: https://harvard.zoom.us/rec/share/3ZBvHe-p6XpIa7fs5UXbQ5F_GZjmeaa81XJM8_JZnh6MptQ3xNkVFs_G_ZPvaUN8**
- Lightning Round Presentation Slides
- Teacher Recognition Presentation Slides

Remote Learning Resources Recommended by Teachers in Session 1

- Student-friendly online tree/shrub identification keys (shared by Michael McCarthy):
    - GoBotany Simple Key
    - Arbor Day Foundation's What Tree Is That? Online
    - Trees of Massachusetts by iNaturalist
- GooseChase is an app to create scavenger hunts, using some tree id and observation skills, while getting kids outside (shared by Kim McMaken-Marsh)
- NEWSELA: to assign optional reading to environmental science students, currently free for educators (shared by Melanie McCracken)
- KamiApp – works with Chromebooks to edit PDF files, currently free for educators and students (shared by Elicia Andrews)
- Instagram: OMaleyAteScience – includes local nature photographs and questions by teachers and students (shared by Dan Thomases)
- Elementary Phenology Podcast – Developed by Marjorie Porter at Connecticut Audubon, to be used as part of a plant life-cycle outreach unit for at-home learners.
- Westwood 2020 Yard Challenge by teacher Michael McCarthy has students participating in a biodiversity study in their neighborhoods.
- A summary of how and why to bring branches indoors to grow: "Forcing Branches" (shared by Laura Schofield). Pamela Snow recommends using the Budburst Preview lesson by GLOBE to complement this.
- Jane Lucia assigns her students to use the Harvard Forest online graphing tool to create graphs of the growing season for their study trees.