

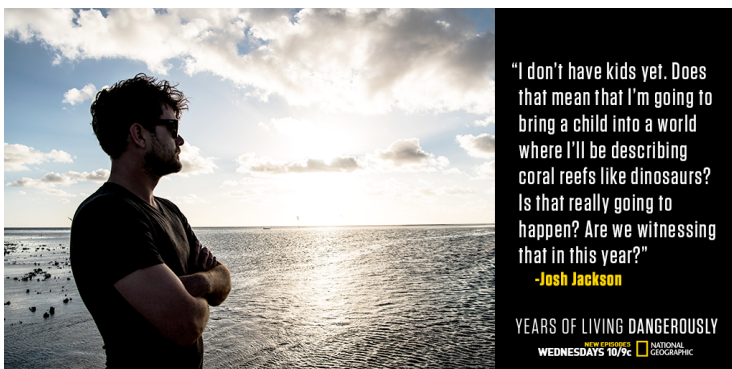
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Spotlight: Climate Campaign Partnership

The Climate Campaign Partnership is an integrated STEAM program sponsored by MFF and partnered with the Montclair Cooperative School and National Geographic's *Years of Living Dangerously* that focuses on the critical scientific, political, economic and social issues of climate change through powerful and provocative films, art, conversation, and social action.



Campaign Overview



January

Climate Campaign Kickoff and Immersion

Students screen episodes from National Geographic's *Years of Living Dangerously* and begin to explore select Climate Campaign Resources that focus on critical climate change issues.

"I don't think that people understand right now, including me, how urgent it is and how immediate it is, and how connected all of the issues on our planet are to climate change."

-Nikki Reed

YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY
NEW EPISODES WEDNESDAYS 10/9c NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



February

Action Assembly & Conversation

Climate experts, student activist and Student Climate Ambassadors* discuss current scientific, social and political issues, as well as effective means for creating change.

Student Action Kit (SAK)- Students will receive a SAK that contains critical information, as well as action items, scripts and templates to help build momentum for climate solutions.

March/April



Action Workshops

Students can attend a series of Workshops where they will help create a giant public art installation that serves as a reflection and a reminder of our impact on the climate/environment. The art will be installed at the MFF's new building at 505 Bloomfield and will be showcased at the 2017 festival. The workshops will also include Student Action Stations with tools to encourage and guide students through the process of letter writing, social media, and other forms of social activism.

Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day celebration. Climate Art installed at 505 Bloomfield. March for Science Activities TBD.

May

Climate Art Reception

The Montclair Film Festival hosts a reception honoring the students' activism. Student Climate Ambassadors will have an opportunity to educate the community on climate change issues, solutions, and ways for concerned citizens can get involved.

Montclair Film Festival Screenings - Students attend a free theatrical film at the 2017 Montclair Film Festival which has been specially curated for the high school's Climate Campaign. Special guest speakers will be invited for Q & A. Students will also receive student discounts on designated topical films throughout the festival.

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Resources:

Throughout the Climate Campaign, teachers and students will have access to National Geographic's award winning series *Years of Living Dangerously*, as well as online resources and curriculum. Here are just a few examples of curriculum connections.

- **Center for Social Justice** – *The Uprooted*: NY Times Columnist Thomas Friedman travels to Africa to investigate how changes in the environment are creating “climate refugees.”
- **Civics and Government Institute** – *Safe Passage* tells the story of how Citizens' Climate Lobby succeeded in bringing congressmen of both parties together to develop legislative solutions to climate change while avoiding unproductive debates about the science.
- **STEM Learning Community**– In *The Road Ahead*, Ty Burrell explores electric and automated vehicles and other advances in technology that will help reduce our carbon footprint. David Letterman travels to India to investigate how the world's soon to be most populous country will face the challenge of expanding its inadequate energy grid.
- **Environmental Science** – *The Battle in the Forest* - Gisele Bündchen travels to the Amazon to investigate what's being done to save the rainforest which are under constant threat from cattle ranching, drought, deforestation, massive hydroelectric dams and illegal mining. In *Sixth Extinction*, Assif Mandvi investigates how climate change is killing off some of Africa's great animals.
- **Earth Science** – *Gathering Storm* - Ian Somerhalder joins scientists aboard the research vessel Alucia to investigate the threat of superstorms caused by rising sea temperatures.
- **Economics** – Price on Carbon - Nikki Reed explores the campaign to put a price on carbon.

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