

Billy Frank Jr. Day Schoolwide Celebration Suggestions



"Billy Frank Jr. Day is a day to be outside giving back to Mother Earth," said Frank's son, Nisqually Chairman Willie Frank III. "I do believe my dad wouldn't want us to take the day off. He would want us to be out replanting trees or cleaning up the riverbanks. This is a day for the state of Washington to feel a little bit of Billy Magic." (WSDNR)

Official Billy Frank Jr. Day is Saturday, March 9.

- Visit any Washington State Park for [free](#).
- Visit the [Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge](#).

Schoolwide Event Ideas:

- Reserve March 8 as your final schoolwide celebration to honor Billy Frank Jr.
- Teach the grade-level lessons found in [Schoology](#).
- Enlist student leaders and parent organizations to organize an essay and artwork contest.
- Organize a schoolwide assembly with student speakers to showcase student artwork, essays, and calls to action.
- Show videos on Billy Frank Jr. found in [Schoology](#) during the week of March 4.
- Hold a community clean-up event on your campus or at a nearby park or culturally significant site. For some locations, see:
 - [Waterlines Project map](#) (Burke Museum)
 - ["Native Seattle" atlas](#) (from Coll Thrush's book of the same name)
- Read "Messages From Frank's Landing" (copies available for loan from SPS's [American Indian Resource Library](#)).
- Discover Billy Frank Jr. and salmon resources through our [NAE Librarian's Destiny Discover collection](#)
- Launch outdoor learning spaces at your school (Learning in Places' "[Designing Spaces for Outdoor Learning](#)" project).
- Become a [Salmon School](#) for 2024 – 2025.
- Learn more about the [Nisqually Indian Tribe](#).

Let the Native American Education Department know what you're planning. We can help! All classroom resources are found in the American Indian Studies Schoology Course. See our [American Indian Studies](#) webpage for login details.

["Billy Frank Jr.](#) (1931–2014) was an environmental activist and former chair of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. His lifelong dedication to protecting endangered salmon and restoring justice for the Nisqually Tribe helped shape Washington's environmental laws and expanded treaty rights for Native Americans nationwide. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015." (WA State Department of Natural Resources)

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