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“Grow Up” on Climate Change

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Healthy Meal Kits Kids will Love

“GROW UP” AND PROTECT THIS PRECIOUS BLUE SPHERE

At the United Nations this month, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s frustration with the slow pace of response to climate change was apparent, telling his fellow world leaders to “grow up” and tackle climate change.

Twitter dubbed this the Best Boris Johnson line in some time: *“The world – this precious blue sphere with its eggshell crust and wisp of an atmosphere – is not some indestructible toy, some bouncy plastic romper room against which we can hurl ourselves to our heart’s content.”*

“If we keep on the current track”, he continued, “... We will see desertification, drought, crop failure, and mass movements of humanity on a scale not seen before. Not because of some unforeseen natural event or disaster, but because of us, because of what we are doing now.”

While there is some hope for spurring meaningful change in the Biden “infrastructure” bill, not nearly enough is directed toward climate versus “human infrastructure”. Every senator and representative – Democrat and Republican - in the nation needs to hear from you that action directed *truly*

at stomping the brakes on climate change is necessary and urgent. (***See “3 Minutes to Change the World”, pg. 2***)

Some of the bill’s provisions, such as subsidizing logging companies to take down even more of earth’s life-giving carbon-sequestering large trees, will actually exacerbate [climate change](#). “Details” like this must not get lost in the frantic race to placate all lobbyists and pass just anything that will move money into the hands of everyone - including the historically destructive industries like logging, mining and fuel extraction.

NEW FEATURE: FLORA AND FAUNA PHOTO CONTEST



“Buttercream” Dahlia by Bernie

Subscribers! You are the Best!

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the [“Flowers of the Month”](#) feature on the Everything Earth website! You were also jazzed about the photos of frogs, jaguars, [cheetahs](#), birds, butterflies and other amazing creatures scattered about the website.

So many of you submitted such beautiful photos of your own, that we have decided to feature a Flora and a Fauna Photo Winner every month.

Thank you, Bernie & Joy!



Protective Mama, Chobe Africa by Joy

FOOD FEATURE: MEAL KITS FOR KIDS TO MAKE FOR SCHOOL



Fall's abundant harvest comes just in time for kids to dig in and get creative with meal kits they will have fun making and even more fun eating for school lunch or after-school snacking. Plus, getting kids in the kitchen with you is a great way to help them start developing healthy eating habits.

These kits include whole grains, plenty of healthy proteins, easy-to-eat veggies and of course, something naturally sweet.

Start with a divided portable bento-type lunch box or reusable leak-proof Tupperware and get creative. Here are few ideas:

- Protein Pump: Hard-boiled egg; almond butter on 1/2 whole-wheat bagel; apple slices with Cheddar cheese chunks
- Sophisticate: [Lentil salad](#); avocado pre-sliced in half and reassembled; toast wedges; fresh berries (still in season in September!)
- Asian Treat: Jasmine rice; sauteed tofu slices; carrot salad; mango chunks or tangerine
- Pizza box: Toasted pita wedges; mozzarella sticks; tomato dipping sauce; lightly sauteed pizza veggies



TAKE 3 MINUTES TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Please contact your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. State Senators and ask them to include provisions in the “infrastructure bill” that are directly specifically toward stopping climate change.

Ask them NOT to support subsidizing the logging industry. Logging big trees is not the same as “thinning” small doghair thickets. The subsidies currently included in the bill for logging companies to destroy our nation’s precious forests – the lungs of our planet - will not reduce wildfires but rather exacerbate both forest fires and climate change.

Here’s how to do this in 3 minutes:

To send a message to your U.S. Senators, click [here](#), choose your state and *voila* – a direct link to his or her email address. To send a message to your U.S. Representative, click [here](#), enter your zip code and again – a direct link to his or her email.

Do it! This gives you a big voice in a very small pool of constituents who contact their representatives.

Video of the Month: [Winged Joy](#) is brought to you by the author, taken in Ashland, Oregon in early September.

Stay tuned for October’s “What’s New on Everything Earth”. Meanwhile, check our [website](#) for weekly blog posts and updates on what’s happening on earth.

We’d love to hear from you! Send us a message at [Contact Us](#).