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## Dates to Remember

April 17,  
2012

SMARTBoard Boot Camp  
in LHE Computer Lab @  
3:45 PM

## References

### Project BudBurst:

<http://neoninc.org/budburst/?THEBIGDEALBOOK=634672644042188750>

### BudBurst Buddies:

<http://neoninc.org/budburst/budbuddies/?THEBIGDEALBOOK=634672644042188750>

## STEM Gems 2

**Project BudBurst** is a network of people across the United States who monitor plants as the seasons change. It's a national field campaign designed to engage the public in the collection of important ecological data based on the timing of leafing, flowering and fruiting of plants. The website includes a collection of resources designed for use by educators in informal and formal learning environments to implement Project BudBurst with their students. Among the resources are **Teacher Registration Guides** for elementary, middle and high school educators; **Classroom Activity Descriptions** for each grade level to effectively implement Project BudBurst in the K–12 classroom setting; *free*, downloadable **Classroom Activities**, aligned with national education standards, and accompanying **teacher implementation guides**; and a **list of other educational resources and activities** that might be of interest.

**Plus:** The online **BudBurst Buddies** resource, for younger students (elementary grades), encourages simple observations of how plants change through the season. BudBurst Buddies follow characters Lily and Sage as they choose plants to watch and write down the changes they see through the seasons. They also get a little help from Sage's grandfather. Students who participate receive a BudBurst Buddies certificate signed by Project BudBurst scientists.

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