Scientific Explanations						
Duration	Big Ideas	Possible Learning Checkpoints				
2 Learning Cycles 2 Days 60 minutes	<ul> <li><u>Claim</u>: a statement that answers the question</li> <li><u>Evidence</u>: data, observations and text evidence that support your claim. 2-3 pieces of evidence make a stronger written response.</li> <li><u>Reasoning</u>: explanation of how your evidence proves your claim is correct. Responses should include science concepts and may include vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LC1 – create an explanation using the CER format</li> <li>LC2 – create an explanation using the CER format</li> </ul>				

Blast Off!					
Duration	Assessed Standards	Essential Question	Big Ideas	Possible Learning Checkpoints	End of Unit Assessment
5 Learning Cycles 11-12 days	5-PS1-1 5-PS1-2 5-PS1-3 5-PS1-4	How can matter interact to launch a rocket?	<ul> <li>Describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen</li> <li>Explain that total weight of matter is conserved, even after</li> </ul>	LC1 – Determine which chemical combination to use as a fuel source     LC2 – Use evidence about matter	Determine best chemical combination to use to launch a rocket. Launch rockets. Suggest improvements to improve the
660 – 720 minutes  **Note – If you choose to implement the optional Engineering lessons add 3 to 4 60-minute classes	3-5 ETS1-2 3-5 ETS1-3		heating, cooling, breaking, or mixing  Explain the physical and chemical properties of matter  Explain that chemical reactions create new substances	<ul> <li>to construct an argument</li> <li>LC3 – Use properties of matter to identify mystery substances</li> <li>LC4 – Use graphing and explain physical/chemical changes</li> <li>EDP LC1 – Describe materials to use to build a rocket based on physical properties</li> <li>EDP LC2 – Suggest improvements to rocket design</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>altitude of the flight.</li> <li>Complete the digital unit post-assessment.</li> </ul>

Schoolyard Sustainability Part 1					
Duration	Assessed Standards	Essential Question	Big Ideas	Possible Learning Checkpoints	End of Unit Assessment
BioBlitz Field Study Pre-trip: 2 Learning Cycles, 2 days, 120 minutes  Field study: 1 day  Part 1 5 Learning Cycles 9-11 Days  540-600 minutes	5-PS3-1 5-LS1-1 5-LS2-1 5-ESS3-1	How can people effectively manage Baltimore County's ecosystems?	<ul> <li>Describe that the energy released from food was once energy from the sun that was captured by plants.</li> <li>Develop a model to describe how matter moves among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.</li> <li>Describe that plants convert sun's energy and matter that is not food (air, water, etc.) into useable food and energy and that they acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water.</li> <li>Research and combine information about how communities protect Earth's resources and environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LC1 – Recommend to improve or maintain the biodiversity on the schoolyard</li> <li>LC2 – Create a model of the flow of energy and describe</li> <li>LC3 – Explain how plants get what they need to survive</li> <li>LC4 – Explain impact on the food web of losing a food source</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make a recommendation to improve, or maintain, the biodiversity of your schoolyard.</li> <li>Complete the digital unit post-assessment.</li> </ul>

	Where's the Water					
Duration	Assessed Standards	Essential Question	Big Ideas	Possible Learning Checkpoints	End of Unit Assessment	
6 Learning Cycles	5-ESS2-1 5-ESS2-2 5-ESS3-1	How can we use the interaction of	<ul> <li>Describe the ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and/or atmosphere interact</li> </ul>	LC2 – Use evidence to explain the amount of usable water on Earth	<ul> <li>Explain the problem on Kent         Island and propose a solution     </li> <li>Complete the digital unit post-</li> </ul>	
13 days 780 minutes		Earth's systems to solve problems	<ul> <li>Describe the amounts of saltwater and fresh water in</li> </ul>	LC3 – Explain Earth systems that are interacting in Kent Island's  Victor problems.	assessment.	
700 minutes		for people?	various reservoirs to explain distribution of water on Earth.  • Evaluate ways that individual communities use science ideas to	<ul> <li>water problem</li> <li>LC4 – Label parts of the water cycle and explain which Earth systems are interacting</li> </ul>		
			protect Earth's resources and environment.	LC5 – Evaluate the desalination system as a viable solution to the Kent Island problem		

Becoming Banneker					
Duration	Assessed Standards	Essential Question	Big Ideas	Possible Learning Checkpoints	End of Unit Assessment
9 Learning	<u>5-PS2-1</u>	How can the	<ul> <li>Explain that gravity pulls objects</li> </ul>	• LC2 – Explain how data can	Create a sun dial and user manual
Cycles	<u>5-ESS1-1</u> <u>5-ESS1-2</u>	movement of objects in	"down" towards the center of Earth	reveal patterns and describe relationships	Complete the digital unit post- assessment.
10-11 days		space help me determine the	Explain that the sun appears     brighter because it is closer to	LC3 – Create a diagram of gravitational pull and explain	
600 - 660		time?	Earth than other stars	what will happen to objects	
minutes			Explain that Earth's rotation	dropped simultaneously	
			causes days as well as	• LC4 – Answer questions to	
			daytime/nighttime	explain patterns in the sky	
			• Explain that the length of shadows changes throughout the	LC5 – Create a diagram of shadows and explain	
			day due to the apparent	• LC6 – Explain why the	
			movement of the sun	constellations change throughout	
			Explain that Earth's revolution	the year	
			causes years and the appearance of varied constellations	LC7 – Explain the relationship  hetygon distance and apparent	
			throughout the year	between distance and apparent brightness	
				LC9 – Explain what should	
				Benjamin Banneker be remember	
				for most	

Schoolyard Sustainability Part 2						
Duration	Assessed Standards	Essential Question	Big Ideas	Possible Learning Checkpoints	End of Unit Assessment	
5 Learning	MD E-Lit	How can	Research and combine	• LC6 – Explain if invasive species	Finalize plan to improve or	
Cycles	4.C.1	people	information about how	or deer are having the greatest	maintain the biodiversity of your	
11-14 Days	5.B.1 1.A.3	effectively manage	communities protect Earth's resources and environment.	<ul> <li>impact on the schoolyard</li> <li>LC7 – Explain transfer of energy</li> </ul>	schoolyard and share this information with the public	
11 11 Duys	1.B.1	Baltimore	resources and environment.	in a food chain	Implement habitat restoration	
660-840	1.B.2	County's		LC8 – Explain what should be	project	
minutes		ecosystems?		done about the overpopulation of	Complete the digital unit post-	
**Note - This				deer or mute swan (invasive	assessment.	
time frame				species)		
only allots one						
60-minute						
period for						
putting the						
plan into						
action.						