



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Fifth annual Water Palooza comes to Manierre School



**WHO:** The Water Environment Federation (WEF), Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and the city of Chicago's Department of Water Management (DWM)

**WHAT:** Hand-on activities and demonstrations will connect students with water through lessons on protecting prized water resources as part of the fifth annual Water Palooza.

**WHERE:** Manierre Elementary School, 1420 N. Hudson Ave., Chicago

**WHEN:** Friday, September 29, with student activities between 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Students and teachers from Chicago schools will be invited to enjoy a fun day of engaging in hands-on environmental activities provided by nearly 15 water companies, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and other governmental agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations.

The MWRD joins the Water Environment Federation, City of Chicago Department of Water Management and Chicago Public Schools in hosting the fifth-annual Water Palooza educational fair on Friday, Sept. 29 at Manierre Elementary School. Activities include a hands-on activity to test local water quality, building

and testing a wastewater treatment plant, learning what you can and cannot flush down a toilet and an interactive water cycle lesson.

The following day, volunteers and water experts will transform a paved, flood-prone area at Manierre into an outdoor classroom that will also capture stormwater pollution.

The project is held in conjunction with the Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC), which brings more than 20,000 water quality professionals to Chicago this year to address the best in water quality education and training.

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*Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org)) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*