

Monday, 10.17.11

Dear School District & Community--

Please find our green **Tip of the Week**, and **PFEWG™ News/Resources** below. PFEWG™ is a model for sustainability that we're using to implement the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative. It covers the categories of Products, Food, Energy, Waste, and Greenspace. Click here to read more about it on our district website: http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/sustainability_goals.

Tip of the Week: *Change your margins to be smaller, so that more writing fills one page. Why? Because it saves paper.*

(If you use a PC, go to "Page Layout" and "Change Margins." If you use a Mac, go to "Format" and "Change Margins.")

- Products: "**FreeCycle.**" Visit FreeCycle to get re-used products: <http://www.freecycle.org/>
- Food: "**Composting @ Peabody.**" On Thursday, October 13, the Peabody School started the "Food to Flowers" composting program in their cafeteria. They join the King Open and Graham & Parks Schools who are also turning their lunch leftovers into compost through this program. "Food to Flowers" is a collaborative effort between the Cambridge Public Schools and the Department of Public Works. Schools interested in beginning composting are encouraged to check out the "Lunchroom Composting" section of this page: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/recyclingandtrash/aboutrecycling/Schools/recyclinginschools.aspx>. The principal or assistant principal from interested schools should contact Meryl: mbrott@cambridgema.gov / x4836.
- Energy: "**Carbon Footprint Calculator.**" From the Nature Conservancy, check out this educational link for calculating your carbon footprint: <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/>.
- Waste: "**Waste Reduction Project.**" Product Stewardship has a program for classrooms to eliminate junk mail & paper waste. Contact Kate if you're interested in learning more: kate@productstewardship.us.
- Greenspace: "**CitySprouts Update.**" On Saturday October 1st, CitySprouts held its annual Festival, this year hosted by the Fletcher Maynard Academy. CitySprouts has gardens for outdoor education in our schools. Visit CitySprouts for more information: <http://www.citysprouts.org/>.

Have a great week.

Best,
Kristen