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Dear Staff and Community,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Thank you for your continued support of the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative (CGSI)! It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our all-staff meetings earlier this fall. If you have any questions about recycling or composting this week, you can reach Meryl Brott, Recycling Program Manager, at mbrott@cambridgema.gov / 617-349-4836. I look forward to continuing our work together. Please check out our Office for Sustainability website: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

Thank you!

Warmly,

Kristen

Tip of the Week: Print double-sided, and reduce font size before printing.

Way to go!

*Did you know? Last school year Cambridge Public Schools recycled more than 304 tons of papers, cardboard and empty plastic, glass and metal containers. Thank you everyone!

*The seven school buildings with "Food to Flowers" lunchroom composting (Amigos, Cambridgeport, CRLS, Graham & Parks, King Open/CSUS, Peabody/RAUC, Tobin/VLUS) kept more than 48 tons of food scraps out of the trash last school year. Awesome!

Walk/Ride Day – Friday, 10/25

Our final Walk/Ride Day Celebration of 2013 will be at City Hall on Friday, October 25th from 7:30am-10am. Please choose a sustainable method of transportation to get to school (walk, bike, MBTA, carpool, carshare) and stop by City Hall to get goodies and breakfast! Also, check in and let us know that you got to school in an eco-friendly way!

<http://checkin.gogreenstreets.org/commuterform/>.

Transportation Workshops

Are your staff members or students interested in participating in a free sustainable transportation / biking workshop? If so, please e-mail Jen Lawrence:

jlawrence@cambridgema.gov.

Website Resources for Teachers

Visit our Office for Sustainability website, and in orange font on the left hand side of the home page, scroll down to Resources. There are education videos, links to online teaching tools, and other resources! <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

[Partnership with CHA to Encourage Tap Water](#)

In partnership with Cambridge Public Health we encourage you to drink tap water and to stay hydrated. You will notice new stickers above the bubblers! Tap water is a great choice for health and for the environment.

[Imagine a Sustainable Life Quilt](#)

The quilt is on tour and has found a new home! It has just been hung in the cafeteria at Cambridgeport School! The quilt was created by the [Sprouts of Hope](#), a Cambridge-based group affiliated with Jane Goodall's [Roots and Shoots](#) youth-focused organization.

[Need 3-Ring Binders?](#)

The Recycling Center at 147 Hampshire St has many to choose from. You can stop by during the Center's open hours (Tu/Th 4-7:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm) or email Meryl at DPW to drop off a box of binders at your school <mailto:mbrott@cambridgema.gov>.

[Got Books?](#)

Would your school like a "Got Books?" donation bin? Donate books and clothing to be re-used, and earn money for your school! We have set up three so far:

Peabody School has collected nearly 23,000 lbs – Placed in October 2012

Graham & Parks has collected about 2,500 lbs – Placed in May 2013

Kennedy Longfellow has collected over 11,000 lbs – Placed in May 2013 *Peabody School has raised approximately \$1,000 since October!

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