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Dear Staff & Community,

Good morning! I hope you had a nice holiday break.

***Tip of the Week:**

Play a game! Instead of watching TV or surfing the web on your electronics, get your class, friends, or family together and play a game. It may seem like common sense, but doing activities not centered on electronics saves energy and reduces carbon dioxide emissions.

***Ways to Save Energy in Our Schools:**

Thank you for continuing to help us save energy! Summer and Winter are the seasons when energy use is highest. With that in mind, help us cut back on carbon dioxide emissions by using less energy. Please share this ideas list with your students & colleagues!

Turn off non-essential lights

Turn down the thermostat

Close the window shades/blinds

Use stairs instead of elevators

Turn off lab equipment when not in use

Unplug appliances when not in use

Shut off copiers and computers at the end of the day

Walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation

*** Solar Map Launched!**

The Cambridge Solar Tool shows Cambridge employees, residents, businesses, and property owners how much electricity can be produced on their rooftops from solar photovoltaic systems, how the financial investment will pay off, and how much pollution will be reduced. <http://cambridgema.gov/solar/>

***Friday is Walk-Ride Day:**

Green Street's Initiative next "Walk-Ride Day" is this Friday, Nov. 30th. Choose an eco-friendly way of getting to work/school on the last Friday of every month (and beyond!). Help reduce carbon dioxide emissions!

For a full calendar click here:

<http://gogreenstreets.org/events>

***Recycling #s from October:**

Click here to read how much our schools recycled in October:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/recyclingandtrash/aboutrecycling/Schools/recyclinginschools/recyclingreports.aspx>

Interested in composting?

E-mail Meryl Brott @ mbrott@cambridgema.gov.

***Farmer's Markets:**

Farmers markets are approaching their last weeks in Cambridge for the fall season! Central Square: Bishop Allen Dr. at Norfolk St is still running every Monday until 11/19 from 12pm-6pm. Harvard Square: 1 Bennett St. farmers market will continue until 11/18 every Friday from 12pm-6pm and every Sunday from 10 am-3pm.

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/parks/farmersmarkets.aspx>

Have a great week. Thank you for your efforts.

Best,

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