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### Dear School District & Community--

Please find our green **Tip of the Week**, and **PFEWG**  $\neq$  **News/Resources** below. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

*Teachers--It's time again for the annual MWRA Poster/Writing Contest. The goal of the contest is for students to make connections between the environment and their faucets and drains. The Poster contest is divided into three categories, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 while the Writing contest is divided into 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.*

*For the poster contests ALL students are asked to create a poster showing what happens at the Deer Island Treatment Plant.*

*For the writing contest, students are asked to write about the reduction in average water use throughout the MWRA Service area.*

*3-5: Write an essay or poem explaining how one person's efforts can have an impact on the reduction of water use.*

*6-8: Write an essay or poem explaining how people must work together to reduce water usage through the service area.*

*9-12: Write an essay or poem explaining what you think has had the greatest impact on the reduction of water usage over the years.*

*Deadline is March 14th. More details attached. Please contact Lisa Scolaro, JrK-12 Science Coordinator at [lscolaro@cpsd.us](mailto:lscolaro@cpsd.us) or 617-349-3012. Thanks! \*\*\**

Tip of the Week: Bring cloth bags when shopping. **Why?** Because your effort cuts back on plastic/paper use.

Products: "**Children's Books.**" A list of top environmental children's books compiled by ExCL non-profit...perfect for classrooms, libraries, and bedtime stories:  
<http://astore.amazon.com/extrforcreate-20>.

Food: ***"Let's Move, Healthy Eating."*** One of our partners in the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative is the Cambridge Health Alliance, whose campaign for healthy eating is supported by Let's Move! Click here to read more:

<http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/index.php>

Energy: ***"Energy-Savings Projects."*** The Cambridge Public School Department is committed to reducing its overall carbon footprint as a school district. We have completed and continue to implement several energy-savings projects, click here to learn more about our energy projects: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/energy>

Waste: ***"Cambridge Recycling Pledge."*** Thank you for continuing to do a great job recycling in all of our schools. Click here to take the Cambridge Recycling Pledge! <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/recyclingandtrash/aboutrecycling/singlestreamrecycling/recyclingpledge.aspx>

Greenspace: ***"City's Outdoors Spots."*** Visit outdoor recreational spaces in Cambridge: <http://www2.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/outdoor.cfm?tnltext=Outdoor%20Recreational%20Sites>

Best wishes,

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