

## 12.3.12

Dear Staff & Community,

Good morning, hope you had a nice weekend. Thank you again for all your efforts to green our schools, offices, and classrooms. Even the smallest choice has a positive impact. Thanks again!

### **\*Tip of the Week:**

Reduce holiday waste. Give experience gifts (tickets to a show, gift certificates for dinner, massage, or museum). ~Give gifts of time (babysit, make dinner). Donate to a charity or non-profit.~DIY - make a something old something new. Use the comics as gift wrap. Recycle, compost, and use washable kitchenware at holiday parties and events.

### **\*Fresh Produce - Winter Farmer's Market:**

Cambridge Winter Farmers Market is a great place to taste and buy a variety of foods grown and made in New England: ~vegetables, fruit meat, fish, cheese, breads, preserves, flour, wine, pasta and more.~Come socialize with neighbors, enjoy live music, local artists and education programs for families and adults.~

Details: (Starts in January) Saturdays, 10am-2pm, January through April.~~5 Callender Street, Cambridge, MA. The market is held indoors, in the Center's gymnasium. Website:

<http://www.cambridgewinterfarmersmarket.com/about-us.html>.

### **\*Reduce Junk Mail!**

One simple way to help the environment – and unclutter our lives – is to cancel all of those unwanted catalogs and unwanted mail. It's easy, it's free, and saves trees and water resources.~ To opt-out of receiving unwanted mail, catalogs, or phone books, simply visit:~

<https://cambridge.catalogchoice.org/>

### **\*Sustainability Website Resources:**

This link provides an interactive map to areas of potential flooding due to climate change:

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/11/24/opinion/sunday/what-could-disappear.html?ref=sunday>.

For more links and teaching resources on environmental, sustainability, and climate change topics, visit our school district's education resources on our sustainability website:

[http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/sustainable\\_resources](http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/sustainable_resources).

**\*Energy-saver Program Installed:**

We are pleased to announce that our computer energy-saver program has been installed at all schools. Specifically, apple computers are controlled through a school-based application that sets standard shutdown and startup times on a weekday schedule to minimize energy use. A big thank you to our ICTS and technology specialists at each school for setting it up! ...Thank you for helping us to reduce our carbon footprint!

**\*Junior Forester Program:**

The City of Cambridge offers a fantastic Junior Forester program open to local youth 5-13 who want to adopt a city tree and help care for it. Please share with your students or families. Click here:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/urbanforestry/forestryprogramsandvolunteering/juniorforesterprogram.aspx>

Have a great week.

Best,

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