

Monday, 1.23.12

Dear School District & Community--

Hello Everyone, please find our Cambridge Green Schools Initiative (CGSI) updates below.

Thanks for reading!

Tip of the Week: Use G.O.O.S. paper (Good-On-One-Side) **Why?** Re-using paper helps reduce waste. A big thank you to the Tobin Montessori's Rm. 210 classes and teacher Mr. Neil DiMaio for this wonderful idea, which is practiced daily by all of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders in the class!

Products: "Need FREE 3-Ring Binders?"

1. Contact John Pelletier at jpelletier@cambridgema.gov, from CDD. He has 50 3-ring binders of varying colors (mostly white) and a couple boxes of gently used manila file folders (non hanging).

2. Contact Cambridge Recycling at recycle@cambridgemam.gov. The Recycling Center often has binders and recycling staff will try to set some aside, so let them know how many you would like. Also, stop by the Center at 147 Hampshire St, open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4pm-7:30pm and Saturdays 9am-4pm and ask the DPW staff person what is available.

Food: "Bioware in CRLS Cafeteria." We have an assortment of earth-friendly, biodegradable foodware now available in place of conventional products at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School. Some of the eco-friendly products include biodegradable pan-liners, dome lids, food containers, trays and plates. Click here to read more: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/food>.

Energy: "Solar Panels at CRLS." Check out this online panel by Solren View, which allows us to see the savings from our high school's solar panels. Click here: http://www.solrenview.com/cgi-bin/CGIhandler.cgi?&sort=pvi_IDs&cond=site_ID=302.

Waste: "Cambridgeport is Composting!"

On November 29th, the Cambridgeport School joined the King Open, Graham & Parks and Peabody Schools as a *Food to Flowers* composting school! As with the other schools, Cambridgeport lunch leftovers are now picked up to go to a large farm to be turned into nutrient-rich soil to grow flowers and food. Through the first month of the program, they prevented 1,150 pounds of food scraps from going in the trash. Way to go, Cambridgeport! And a big thank you to Department of Public Works & Meryl Brott, Recycling Program Manager, as well!

Greenspace: "Jane Goodall's Root & Shoots." Help Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots members around the world complete one million hours of community service by the end of 2012! **Why?** Several of Cambridge Public Schools' own students are participating. Visit <http://www.rootsandshoots.org/campaigns/millionhours> to log your hours and find out more information. And read about some of the local Roots & Shoots projects at <http://sproutsofhopekids.blogspot.com/>.

Thanks for reading. Have a great week-

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