

## 1.6. 14

Dear Staff & Community,

Happy new year! I hope you had a nice weekend and holiday break. Thank you for your continued efforts towards sustainability in our schools, classrooms, and offices. We have accomplished so much together over the past 3 years and the new year brings more opportunities to reuse, save energy, and make a considerable impact in reducing our overall environmental footprint as a school district. A big thank you to our custodians and maintenance staff for their daily efforts in energy reduction, recycling and composting, as well as our partners at Department of Public Works. Thank you again for all you do!

*\*Tip of the Week: Use a stainless steel or re-usable canteen for daily drinking water consumption.*

*\*Carbon Footprint Calculator:*

*Curious what your individual or group carbon footprint is?*

*It's a great activity to do at the start of the New Year as you set goals for carbon reduction. A fun tool for classroom learning, as well! Source, Nature Conservancy: <http://www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/>*

*\*Composting @ Your School:*

*We are working with schools to establish more composting programs. We have 8 schools doing full-scale composting in our school district now! If your school is interested in composting, please reply to this e-mail.*

*\*Check out our latest (and past) recycling reports for the school district:*

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

*\*Educational Resource – Teaching Tools:*

*Click below for a list of useful environmental/climate change websites (great tool for classes and students):*

*[http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/website\\_resources](http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/website_resources).*

*\*Educational Resource – Climate Change:*

Check out the EPA's new interactive, education website called, "A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change." <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/students/>.

**\*Water ... Drink Up!**

Did you know that CRLS has a bottle filling station and so far has helped eliminate waste from 13,830 disposable plastic bottles? Awesome!!! Next time you are in CRLS, fill your water bottle from the dispensers in the back of the cafeteria! Click here to learn more: [http://crls.cpsd.us/aboutcrls/drink\\_water](http://crls.cpsd.us/aboutcrls/drink_water)

**\*Cambridge Winter Farmer's Market:**

Starting next month! Every Saturday 10am-2pm (January 4th-April 26<sup>th</sup>)  
Cambridge Community Center  
5 Callender Street  
Cambridge 02139  
(just outside of Central Square)

More info at...

[www.cambridgewinterfarmersmarket.com](http://www.cambridgewinterfarmersmarket.com)

**\*Opt Out of Unwanted Mail:**

Do you get unwanted mail from retailers, credit card companies, or cable/phone companies? You can opt out of mailings from over 4000 companies with Catalog Choice and help reduce waste. For example, you can stop getting weekly circulars from Global Direct, they will honor opt-out requests, so add them to "your choices". Just register for FREE at <https://cambridge.catalogchoice.org> to create an account to start cleaning out your mailbox. ~To date, over 3700 Cambridge residents have signed up and opted out of nearly 25,000 different unwanted mailings!

**\*Public Meeting on Cambridge Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment**

**When** Wed, January 29, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

**Where** Ballroom, Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge ([map](#))

**Description** The meeting will be held at the Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue, in the ballroom. An agenda for the meeting will be available the week of January 13th.

The purpose of the meeting is: · Talk about why the City is planning for impacts from climate change; · Describe how the vulnerability assessment is being conducted and the status of the project; · Ask the community to help the City understand how climate change impacts would affect residents and businesses, assess how resilient Cambridge already is, and identify what more needs to be done to cope with climate change impacts such as flooding and increased heat. This meeting will be participatory. We look forward to seeing you.

Questions? Contact: John Bolduc, Environmental Planner Cambridge Community Development Department 344 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02139 617--349-4628 TEL 617-349-4633 FAX.

\*E-news Archive:

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[http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/Sustainability\\_News](http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/Sustainability_News)

Best,  
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