

## 2.25.13

### Dear Staff & Community,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful & restorative break.

Please join the Sprouts of Hope at a reception in Mayor Henrietta Davis's office today, Feb. 25th at 4:45, just before the Sprouts of Hope, in a [special presentation](#) (5:00) to the City Council, donate their quilt — Imagine a Sustainable Life — to the City of Cambridge as a lending gift. The quilt will hang in the Mayor's office until March 28th, and after that it is possible for schools and libraries and nonprofits and businesses to sign up on the Imagine a Sustainable Life website so the quilt can travel around the city and hang in a variety of public spaces. If you have a space in mind — where you'd like to see it hang, go to the website and send us an e-mail with the dates that work for you or your organization.

Spread the word about this possibility ... the Sprouts hope the quilt is displayed throughout the City:

Here's the website: <http://sproutsofhope123.wix.com/sustainable-life>

Thanks,  
Kristen

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

In your classroom and at home, plug your television and computer equipment into power strips that can be turned off. A lot of energy is wasted around the home by appliances and electronics that draw power for doing nothing. The Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that this “phantom load” costs the average household as much as \$100.

#### **\*Green Streets Initiative: Your Story?**

Have you been inspired to travel a little greener lately? Share your story with us!  
[http://gogreenstreets.org/share\\_story](http://gogreenstreets.org/share_story)

#### **\*Schools Sustainability Website**

Check out our Office for Sustainability website. We are updating on a regular basis, adding more resources and environmental news & tips for our classrooms and schools.  
<http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

#### **\*CitySprouts Annual Fundraising Event**

Please join us! CitySprouts Dig It! Fundraiser  
When? Thursday March 14, 2013  
What time? 6pm to 8:30pm  
Where? Liberty Hotel *Ballroom*  
215 Charles Street, Boston

*Help us grow!* CitySprouts is raising \$75,000 to bring our school garden program to two new partner schools in Boston: The Ellis School in Dorchester and The Mather School in Roxbury, connecting more children to garden-based learning in their schools.

Since 2000, CitySprouts has made hands-on learning, environmental stewardship and the experience of growing food part of public education. CitySprouts program builds capacity in our partner schools to make the outdoor classroom garden a resource for teachers, parents and community. CitySprouts is currently serving 18 schools in the Greater Boston area: all JK-8 public schools in Cambridge, two Boston public schools and two Lynn public schools.

Dig It! 2013 is our annual fundraising event. This year's party will be at the Liberty Hotel in Boston on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8:30pm. To purchase tickets on line, visit [www.citysprouts.org](http://www.citysprouts.org)

**\*More Fresh Food!**

In addition to Saturday's "Winter Farmer's Market" (<http://www.cambridgewinterfarmersmarket.com/>) Cambridge now features the "C2W Market," a mid-week pop up farmer's market on Wednesdays! (<http://www.bostoncentral.com/events/farmer/p29492.php>) It is located in the former Blockbuster building in Central Square, open through April 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-6pm. Some of the primary vendors include Cuisine en Locale – Central Square, MA - Selling shares from their "Once a Week" delivery of cooked local foods and favorite ingredients from around New England including: Alex's Ugly Sauce- 3 kinds of hot sauce made from Stillman peppers; Four Star Farms- Farm grown grains and freshly milled flours and Cooks Bakery Jams – and many more!

**\*Green Cambridge Website**

Check out the "Green Cambridge Website" for a full calendar of events throughout the City of Cambridge – all related to environmental sustainability! (<http://greencambridge.org/Calendar.html>) <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/recyclingandtrash/aboutrecycling/Schools/recyclinginschools/recyclingreports.aspx>

**\*Glocal Challenge Winning Teams**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Glocal Challenge! The month-long competition culminated on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> with a frenzy of excitement. The students truly challenged themselves and showed impressive initiative with their ideas, research, and final presentations. Special congratulations to the two winning teams:

EPA: Environmental Paper Assault and the Environmental Action Club, who addressed paper usage at CRLS and green roofs in the City of Cambridge respectively.~

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| EPA<br>Ben Austin | Environmental Action Club<br>Octavio Chiesa |
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| Josh Brancazio<br>Griffin Andres<br>Eric Chan<br>Isabella Gray<br><i>Sponsored by:<br/>CRLS Teacher Joan Abrams</i> | Zachary Spitz<br>Clio Macrakis<br>Aida Muratoglu<br>Anisha Nakagawa<br><i>Sponsored by CRLS Teacher:<br/>Liza Hansel</i> |
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Thank you.

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