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Dear Staff & Community,

Good morning! Thank you for your continued support of the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative (CGSI). One goal of CGSI is to increase awareness about environmental sustainability in our schools. Through this, we hope to lower our carbon footprint and educate one another about the concept of sustainability. Thanks so much for reading our weekly updates, for your continued feedback, and your participation in our many green events and projects.

Any action you take—whether big or small—contributes to the effort! Perhaps you bring a reusable mug to work every day. Perhaps you bike to work each morning. Or unplug classroom appliances when not in use. Or weave climate change education into your curriculum. Whatever the step, you help! Thanks.

***Tip of the Week:**

Blow your nose – without blowing away more trees! With cold and flu season upon us, one easy thing we can do is to buy tissues made from recycled paper. By using paper products made from 100% recycled material you not only help protect forests, you also help lower the formation of toxins in the environment made from products bleached with chlorine.

***Did you Know?**

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity — enough energy to power the average American home for five months.

(EPA 2008).

***Curriculum Resources**

Check out our Office for Sustainability “Curriculum Resources” – a webpage page for teachers & students:

http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/curriculum_resources.

***The Green Team**

The Green Team is an environmental club for Massachusetts schools and is free to join. Free resources such as educational posters, lesson plans, and

other helpful materials are provided to help your school learn how to reduce waste and reward classes. Teachers can sign up online. Learn more at: www.thegreenteam.org.

***CPSD Recycling Reports**

Check out the stats on how much each school recycled in December and throughout the fall! Thanks so much for your efforts:

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

***Fresh Produce – Winter Farmer’s Market**

It’s 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.~ 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>.

***City Employee Lunchtime Walk**

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM Thursday, February 7, 2013.

Join us as we take a quick lunchtime walk around the City using one of the~[CitySmart](#)~walking tours!~ A great way to get some exercise and see just how close we are to each other - we're within walking distance! Meet at City Hall Annex (344 Broadway) at 12pm sharp!

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Best,

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