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Dear Schools & Community,

This month is Earth Month! We have tips, events, news, updates, resources and volunteer opportunities to share with you! Please get involved & share with your school and community networks!

*\*Tip of the Week: Take time to de-ice your freezer. It will run more efficiently and saves money on your electric bill. How-to: <http://www.spring-cleaning-tips.com/defrosting-a-freezer.html>.*

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**\*Math & Environmental Teacher Resource:** Neat website with ideas for incorporating sustainability initiatives into math curriculum:  
<http://www.mathaware.org/mam/2013/>.

**\*Composting in Our Schools:**  
*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!  
<http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/waste>.

**\*Sustainability in Cambridge Earth Day Session:** April 22, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, Cambridge Innovation Center, 5th Floor, One Broadway.~ This event is

part of the Cambridge Science Festival.~ The City of Cambridge and Cambridge Public Schools is partnering with dozens of groups currently to create a sustainable community. We want to start the conversation of what we're doing and bring in members of the Cambridge community to help us succeed! Join us. Hope to see you there.

### **\*Anaerobic Digestion Panel:**

April 17, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway.~ With the Commonwealth's organics waste ban going into effect, entities that generate more than a ton of organics per week will need to find alternative ways to dispose of the material.~ The panel of experts will discuss the factors to consider for implementing an anaerobic digestion facility.~ Co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the City of Cambridge.~ To register:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e938xo9d86717d1b&c=1a7d0080-32c6-11e3-b738-d4ae52806905&ch=1b63de10-32c6-11e3-b865-d4ae52806905>.

### **\*Calling All Naturalists and Visual Artists:**

"Art & Science in One" is looking for adult volunteers for a program that combines nature education and visual art. A collaboration of the Tobin Montessori School and Cambridge School Volunteers ( CSV) the nature observation and science drawing program will formally begin with an orientation on~March 28~and take place during April and May.

**Date:**~Fridays,~April 4th through May 30th

**Time:**~11:30 - 1:00 PM

**Location:**~Tobin Montessori School

197 Vassal Lane, Cambridge

For more information please contact: [csv@cpsd.us](mailto:csv@cpsd.us) or ( [617](tel:6173496794)) [349-6794](tel:349-6794).

### **\*Alewife Clean-Up:**

Saturday, April 26, 2014

10:00am 2:00pm

Alewife T station-Passenger Pick up

Come pick up litter and clear walking paths along Alewife Brook and Little River as part of DCR Park Serve Day and Earth Day!

### **\*Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association:**

The Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association in partnership with Cambridge Science Festival presents: Environmental Protection and Robotics from Yerevan, Armenia. Come to our table at the Science Festival. 12:00-4:00 pm. Videos of current projects by students in Armenia. All welcome!

### **\*Check out our latest recycling reports for the school district:**

Cambridge Public Schools are doing a great job recycling! A big thank you to our custodians and partners at Department of Public Works for continuing this success. To see how much YOUR SCHOOL is recycling and/or composting, check out reports below. Keep up the good work!

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

### **\*Spring Dates for Recycling Tours:**

Cambridge residents and City employees are invited to tour the [Casella recycling facility](#) in Charlestown on Wednesday, April 23 ( morning) or Thursday, June 5 ( afternoon) . No children under 16. Tours last ~2 hours. You must be walk at a steady pace with a group, on narrow catwalks and stairs, close to heavy equipment. We meet at DPW and carpool. Email [recycle@cambridgema.gov](mailto:recycle@cambridgema.gov) to sign up and we \_ll send you more info. Let us know if can drive and how many people you can take. \*We will also offer a virtual recycling tour on Monday, May 19 at 6:15pm at DPW, 147 Hampshire St.

## **\*Cambridge Science Festival:**

The Cambridge Science Festival starts on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>!

Mark your calendars and check out a list of events online!

<http://www.cambridgesciencefestival.org/2014Festival/2014ScheduleOfEvents.aspx>.

## **\*Bee-Wise May 31<sup>st</sup> 6-7:30pm at Fresh Pond:**

Pollinators are what keep the world growing, and Fresh Pond Reservation is no exception! Meet one of Fresh Pond's beekeepers to learn about bee biology, ecology and what it takes to beekeep! We'll get to see some bees up close and visit the Lusitania hives. May 31<sup>st</sup> 6-7:30. For questions contact: Kirsten at ( 617) 349-6489/[klindquist@cambridgema.gov](mailto:klindquist@cambridgema.gov).

## **\*CitySprouts Summer Session Apply Now!:**

Students: Register for CitySprouts Summer Youth Program! Applications Due May 9<sup>th</sup>.

All sessions run MONDAY through FRIDAY 9am to 1pm. The CitySprouts Summer Youth Program is a 4-week internship for kids 11 to 14 years old. Interns:

Grow and cook food from the garden

Team-building, leadership skills and making a difference in their community

Field trips to supermarkets, restaurants, farms and food relief agencies

Upon completion of the session, each intern is awarded \$100

Applications are due by May 9<sup>th</sup>. Interns will be notified of acceptance by May 30<sup>th</sup>

Please

bring the completed application to your school library OR

mail to CitySprouts, 678 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139. For more information, please

call ( 617) 876-2436.

## **\*Help Strengthen Our Urban Forest in Cambridge:**

Join Earthwatch and members of your community to create a healthier urban forest. In collaboration with the arborist of the City of Cambridge, you'll help build a growing database of information needed to understand the benefits trees provide our city and what trees need to survive and thrive in stressful urban environments. We are looking for volunteers to help track the health of trees in Cambridge. This free one-day program gives you and your student the opportunity to be citizen scientists, to identify tree species, to measure and observe trees, work with a scientist, and to give back to the community. Sign up: <http://earthwatch.org/expeditions/exploring-bostons-urban-forest> for free with the promo code TREES, or email us at [trees@earthwatch.org](mailto:trees@earthwatch.org) to arrange a custom day for a group.

Happy Earth Month!

Thank you,

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