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Dear Staff & Community,

Good morning, today is Earth Day. In honor of Earth Day, our “Tip of the Week” is the following: commit to one action on our sustainability pledge this week: <http://www3.cpsd.us/pledge>.

SF/PF Week (Julie Croston)

Screen-Free (Play Full) Week in Cambridge is coming! Live-action fun (i.e., not media-based) is coming to schools and many other locations in the city during national Screen-Free Week, April 29–May 5, 2013. To bring an event to your school or parent group or to help out with citywide events, please contact juliecroston@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed! (Also, we need donations of many large, heavy weight, colorful plastic bags to be remade into kites by kids, to be flown at a future Fly-In! Can you organize a collection at your workplace or school? Use the same email address as above to let us know if you can.

Energy Projects in Schools

Thank you for your continued efforts to reduce energy use across the district. We utilize software and input data to record & analyze energy use for each of our schools and school administrative buildings. This helps us to categorize and implement building projects, which we carry out in partnership with the City. To stay posted on our school's projects, please visit our sustainability page: http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/cps_energy_projects.

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

Clean Out Your Closet and Donate Clothes

Did you know there are 20+ places in Cambridge to donate clothes to? Did you know that Cambridge residents still trash over 1,000,000 pounds of clothing and textiles each year? Did you know that you can donate clothing and textiles that are torn, stained, broken or missing something, to Goodwill, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Got Books/Clothes, and Planet Aid? These organizations take clothing, shoes, belts, purses, hats, linens, stuffed animals, and fabric scraps. Just no dirty rags, nothing wet, nothing soiled, no carpets, no rugs, and no mildewed items. If it's not wearable, *damaged clothing is recycled* into wiping rags and everything else is processed back into fibers used to make paper, yarn, insulation, carpet padding, and sound proofing.

CitySmart Program

Find all the resources you need to get around without getting behind the wheel at CitySmart. CitySmart helps you take advantage of all your options by offering maps, guides, tips, schedules and more. Find a new way to travel and help the environment!
<http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/CitySmart.aspx>

Amigos to Start Composting

The Amigos School will join others in becoming a composting school this April! The Food to Flowers program is set to launch on April 23rd. If your school is also interested in composting, contact Kristen at kvonhoffmann@cpsd.us or Meryl at mbrott@cambridgema.gov. Thanks!

Poetry Walk at Alewife

Saturday, May 4th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Join Anne Marie Lambert for a guided walk through the reservation with Poet Richard Cambridge and Frederick Law Olmstead re-enactor Gerald Wright. Sponsored by Friends of Alewife Reservation and the Cambridge Citizens Forum. Participants will meet at the Alewife Brook parking lot at Cambridge Discovery Park at 100 Acorn Park Drive in Cambridge. Call [\(617\) 415-1884](tel:6174151884) for more information.

Thanks,

Kristen