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Dear Staff & Community,

Good morning, I hope you had a nice weekend.

*\*Tip of the Week: Place re-usable or cloth bags in your purse, briefcase, backpack, bike, or car. That way, when you run spontaneous errands, you will have one to use.*

### **Archived Green E-news**

Want to see a green e-news from prior weeks? Visit our archive:

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

### **Team GreenSense Opportunity**

If you are between 14-18 years old and a Cambridge resident, apply to join Team GreenSense, part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. We are looking for energetic, positive, curious team players to apply to join the GreenSense team for six weeks this summer, as well as a part-time employee to supervise the program.~ Participants will learn about local green programs, work with the DPW on environmental service projects, and create a web-video to educate others about these topics.~ To learn more or apply, visit [www.cambridgema.gov/teamgreensense](http://www.cambridgema.gov/teamgreensense).

### **Safe Routes to School**

Massachusetts Safe Routes to School is promoting MA Walk and Bike to School Day on May 1. Schools around the Commonwealth will be participating in this event to encourage safe walking and biking to school. Walking and biking to school helps protect the environment, increases physical activity, and reduces traffic congestion. If you are interested in participating, please contact Heather Drake at [heather.drake@state.ma.us](mailto:heather.drake@state.ma.us)

### **Walk/Ride Day Challenge**

The school department is participating in Walk Ride Days and the Corporate Challenge! The 2013 Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge is a competition among Boston area employers to encourage alternative commuting habits just one day a month, over the course of seven months. When you commute to school sustainably, check in here: <http://greenstreets.mapc.org/>. Thanks!

### **Screen-Free (Play Full) Week!**

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](mailto: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.

### **CitySprouts Summer Youth Opportunity**

If you are 11 to 14 years old~& want to:~Learn how to garden, learn how to cook, go on field trips, do community service, and earn \$100.

Mon-Thurs, Half day and full day options

Session 1: June 24th to July 18th

Session 2: July 22nd to August 15th

At Cambridge Upper Campuses

Applications are available in your school library or~

at [www.citysprouts.org](http://www.citysprouts.org)~

For questions, please call 617-876-2436

### **Check Out Watt Meters at the Library!**

Cambridge residents can borrow a “kill-a-watt” meter from the Main Public Library to measure how much electricity their home appliances and devices use.~ The meters come with a guide on how to use them and information on how to save energy.~ The meter kits and guide were developed by the [Sprouts of Hope](#) group:

<http://sproutsofhopekids.blogspot.com/>.

### **Friends of Alewife Reservation Walks**

Wildlife walks sponsored by FAR impart the history and background to the DCR’s Alewife Reservation, a rare urban wild in Cambridge.~ The walks are led by a professional wildlife assessor, Dave Brown. Tours last 2 hours.~ To prepare for the tour, or to get a "Virtual Tour", [click here](#).

Thanks,

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