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Dear Staff & Community,

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Tip of the Week: If you have multiple appliances, plug your equipment into a powerstrip. Turn off the powerstrip when not in use to save electricity.

***All About Energy:**

We are working to continue our reduction of energy use across the school district. To stay posted on our school's energy efficiency and other sustainability projects, please visit our sustainability page: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/energy>.

***Virtual Recycling / Trash Tour**

City staff and members of the public are invited to attend a virtual recycling tour tomorrow on Tuesday, May 21 at 6pm at Public Works, the main conference room at 147 Hampshire St. I will show a video, share pictures and talk about how recycling gets separated at Casella Recycling in Charlestown and marketed to companies that make products from recycled materials, what happens to our trash as well as composting and zero waste. Please RSVP to recycle@cambridgema.gov if you plan to attend, and thanks!

***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!

***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>.

***Get Healthy Outside!**

The Cambridge Public Health Department's [Guide to Health, Fitness, and Fun](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/Cambridge%20in%20Motion%20Directory%202013.pdf) offers listings of teams, organizations, and venues that offer sports and recreational activities for Cambridge children. Available at [http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/Cambridge in Motion Directory 2013.pdf](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/Cambridge%20in%20Motion%20Directory%202013.pdf).

***ALL-SCHOOL FLY-IN at the Cambridge River Festival**

Parent and Staff at all schools are invited to organize a contingent hand-made kites from your school to muster at the Cambridge River Festival which runs from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st. A section of Memorial Drive along the Charles

River will be reserved for kite-flyers from all schools who bring kites made from recycled materials. Please sign up here to coordinate your school's presence at the Fly-In. The url for this link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAEA72FA20-allschool>.

***Fresh Pond Day on June 8th**

Mark your calendar for June 8th and come celebrate the land, water, wildlife and people that make Fresh Pond Reservation in Cambridge a unique and vital place. Events are for all ages, rain or shine. Events include: Children's StoryWalk, Poster Coloring and Parade with Ranger Jean, Face Painting, Container Gardening, Arts and Crafts...and much more! Saturday June 8, 10 am-2 pm.

Thanks,

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