

Monday, 6.27.11

Dear Principals, Custodians, Teachers, Staff, Students, and Administration--

Hello, I hope this e-mail finds you well and enjoying the start of summer. Below, please find our green **Tip of the Week**, an **Energy Update**, and a **Professional Development in Sustainability** opportunity. Thank you custodians and staff for a great job recycling end-of-year waste.

- Tip of the Week: Turn off all non-essential lights. **Why?** *Because doing so reduces energy and therefore carbon dioxide emissions from electrical power plants.*
- Energy Update: With summer underway, there are several steps you can take to reduce energy use.

Turn off non-essential lights
Close the window shades/blinds
Use stairs instead of elevators
Turn off lab equipment or smartboards when not in use
Unplug appliances when not in use
Shut off copiers and computers at the end of the day
Set air conditioners on Low instead of High

- Professional Development in Sustainability Education:

Interested in Professional Development in Sustainability Education this Summer?

Interdisciplinary PD opportunity for Massachusetts Public School Educators Grades 7-12
Topic: Educating for Sustainability - Connecting The Big Ideas of Sustainability to Core Lessons You Already Teach - July 11-13 at the Boston Latin School.

The program will focus on how teachers across disciplines and grade levels can readily incorporate connections between core curriculum and important concepts that will help prepare students and our future society to function more sustainably. Led by the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation, the program includes: CELF Online Resource Library of EfS Curriculum Exemplars, carefully-crafted learning activities, and curriculum guidance for re-writing an existing lesson. Breakfast will be provided daily. Course is free to first 40 public school educators. Parking also free. Graduate Credit available for nominal fee from Simmons.

Register online at <http://celfeducation.org/>

Thanks. Have a great week.
-Kristen