

Monday, 8.22.11

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

Please find our green **Tip of the Week**, information about the **Cambridge Green Schools Initiative**, eco-friendly **Back-to-School Advice**, and a **Website Update** below.

- **Tip of the Week: Greenspace:** Spend time outdoors. **Why?** *Because visiting local reservations, parks, and lakes is good for your health, and contributes to land conservation efforts.*
- **Cambridge Green Schools Initiative (CGSI):** Our district is launching the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative this fall, to engage all schools in a district-wide environmental sustainability effort. I welcome your feedback and participation. Click here to read more: <http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/cgsi/CGSI>
- **Eco-Friendly Back-to-School Advice:** Choose products that are made from recycled material, re-usable items, and low-energy appliances. Buy locally-made products and patronize local stores. Travel by walking/biking/using public transportation on shopping trips for back-to-school. Look for the FSC label on pencils and notepads. Use eco-friendly classroom cleaners. Re-use older supplies and re-use furniture. Purchase supplies with minimal packaging. Print double-sided. Use cloth bags on shopping/carrying trips. Visit ExCL, a special resource selling low-cost upcycled goods for teachers, students, and families: <http://www.exclrecycles.org/>
- **Website Update:** We have officially launched a sustainability website. As we draw closer to the start of school, the website, in addition to this weekly e-mail, will be your headquarters for sustainability information in our schools.

1. Sustainability Homepage: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>

2. CGSI/Cambridge Green School Initiative:
<http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/CGSI/CGSI>

Have a great week.

Best,
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