

Monday, 9.12.11

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

Hello and welcome back to school. It's been great meeting you at the all-staff meetings these past few weeks. The School Department is working on sustainability efforts for our District operationally and through practice and education, and we are officially launching CGSI (Cambridge Green Schools Initiative) this fall.

Please visit our website to learn more: <http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/CGSI/CGSI>.

Thank you for the work that you do as our teachers, administrators, and staff, and for your efforts on environmental sustainability. I look forward to working with you this year.

Kristen

- Tip of the Week: Visit farmer's markets May-October. **Why?** *Because your purchase supports organic food, farmers, and locally grown products.*
Cambridge Farmer's Markets:
www2.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cp/neighborhood/fmrmarket/farmers_markets_2011.pdf
- 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've officially launched a sustainability website.
 1. Sustainability Homepage: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>
 2. CGSI/Cambridge Green School Initiative:
<http://www3.cpsd.us/Sustainability/CGSI/CGSI>
- Urban Agriculture Fair: A showcase of incredible locally-grown fruits and vegetables in a judged competition. Free food, samples, cooking demos, prizes, etc. (Sunday, September 18th / 11am-5pm @ Mt. Auburn Street and Winthrop Park, between Eliot and JFK)
- Book Club with Cambridge Energy Alliance:
[Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard](#)
Read the book in advance and join the discussion or come to just share your thoughts on change.

Contact Meghan Shaw for more information:

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October 25, 2011

Cambridge Main Library - Lecture Hall

7pm-8:30pm

- Paper Waste Reduction: Would you like to opt out of receiving junk mail at school or home? To get started, go to <http://cambridge.catalogchoice.org>

Thank You.

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