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Dear Staff,

It was nice to see so many familiar faces at all-staff meetings last week, and a heartfelt thanks to each of you for engaging in our presentations on environmental sustainability. The Office for Sustainability at the school department is now in its third year of operation, and we are excited to launch Phase II of the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative (CGSI) this fall! I look forward to a great school year and our continued work together! Thank you -Kristen

Tip of the Week: Invest in a re-usable water bottle and bring to school each day to re-fill.

Transportation Workshops

Are your staff members or students interested in participating in a free sustainable transportation / biking workshop? If so, please e-mail Jen Lawrence: jlawrence@cambridgema.gov.

Website Resources for Teachers

Visit our Office for Sustainability website, and in orange font on the left hand side of the home page, scroll down to Resources. There are education videos, links to online teaching tools, and other resources! Website: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

Questions about Recycling or Composting at Your School?

Please e-mail Meryl Brott, Recycling Program Manager: mbrott@cambridgema.gov / 617.349.4836.

CitySprouts Celebration

The annual CitySprouts Festival will be at the Baldwin School on Saturday September 28th from 11am and 2pm. Enjoy games, cider pressing, stone soup, pumpkin decorating, and more! Please email Kim at kgoldstein@citysprouts.org if you can help out!

Partnership with CHA to Encourage Tap Water

In partnership with Cambridge Public Health we encourage you to drink tap water and to stay hydrated. You will notice new stickers above the bubblers! Tap water is a great choice for health and for the environment.

Imagine a Sustainable Life Quilt

The quilt is on tour around various public venues.~ This month it is on view in the lobby of the Cambridge Water Treatment Plant at Fresh Pond.~ The quilt was created by the [Sprouts of Hope](#), a Cambridge-based group affiliated with Jane Goodall's [Roots and Shoots](#) youth-focused organization.

Need 3-Ring Binders?

The Recycling Center at 147 Hampshire St has many to choose from. You can stop by during the Center's open hours (Tu/Th 4-7:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm) or email Meryl at DPW to drop off a box of binders at your school <mailto:mbrott@cambridgema.gov>.

Walk-Ride Days!

Mark your calendars! The next Walk-Ride Day is Friday, September 27th. Be sure to try and walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation to get to school! More info here: <http://gogreenstreets.org/>.