

Monday, 1/24/11

Dear Principals, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Custodians--

Hello, I hope this e-mail finds you well. I'd like to introduce myself to those of you I haven't met. I'm the new Sustainability Manager for Cambridge Public Schools, and I'm working on energy savings and sustainability for our schools out of the facilities department. I'll be working with you to improve our operations and practice in the categories of products, food, energy, waste, and greenspace, with an emphasis on energy reduction and lowering our carbon footprint. I look forward to working with all of you.

- Attached please find the recycling numbers for December. Please take a quick look at how much your school is recycling!
- The worksheets turned in by custodians and pickups measured by DPW help us keep track of the numbers. Thank you to our custodians for this important part of the process. On future reports there will be an additional column showing the number of worksheets turned in by a school, to help us ensure that worksheets are being submitted regularly.
- RecycleCraze starts January 31st! Look for more info coming soon from Meryl Brott at DPW.
- Remember, we are now doing singlestream recycling (see attached for list of items that can be recycled together). Did you know that recycling is less expensive than sending trash to the landfill or incinerator?
- Here are 3 fun facts about recycling. The daily efforts made by you and your students truly make a difference for our district and the planet.

Thank you. -Kristen

**Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity — enough energy to power the average American home for five months.
(EPA 2008).*

**Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours. (EPA 2008).*

**On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill, and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.
(TimeToRecycle.org)*