

Monday, 2/28/11

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

Hello, I hope you had a good weekend and February break.

Below please find our weekly sustainability e-news, including the green Tip of the Week, Recycling Tours Available, a classroom Energy Resource, an In the Community update, and an application link for the 2011 Massachusetts Awards for Excellence in Energy & Environmental Education (deadline March 28th) that honors teachers and students.

Thanks for taking the time to read.

- Tip of the Week: *Turn off or "sleep" overhead projectors and SmartBoards.* For classrooms that have ceiling-mounted projectors and/or All-in-one SmartBoards, remember to use the video "mute" button on your remote to put it to "sleep" when not in use during the day. At the end of the day, turn it off. Leaving projectors and SmartBoards on overnight uses energy, makes for a greater carbon footprint, and burns out the bulbs.
- Recycling Tours Available: *Interested to learn how recycling works?* Sign up for a recycling tour May 19 or June 14 at 9AM with DPW (Dept. of Public Works) that will be held at Casella Recycling in Charlestown. Learn firsthand how recyclables get separated and marketed to companies that make products from recycled materials. E-mail: recycle@cambridgema.gov.
- Energy Resource: *Check out the [Cambridge Energy Alliance Blog](#),* providing written articles and links related to energy efficiency and green current events. These articles are great for upper grade classrooms studying science, environment, current affairs, and social studies.
- In the Community: On Thursday, February 17th I presented a summary of the school district's sustainability plan at City Hall to Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, at a joint meeting convened for the two committees that Henrietta chairs, including Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities, and the Environment Committee. The Department of Public Works, city planners, environmental organizations, and the general public also participated in these meetings for a productive discussion of the City's renewable energy and environmental goals.
- Awards for Excellence in E&EE: This spring, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Richard K. Sullivan Jr. will honor Massachusetts teachers and students who are involved in school-based programs, projects, and clubs that promote environment and energy education. Deadline March 28th. Click this link for a summary and application.  
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Have a great week. -Kristen