



The Green Team News

January 2015 Newsletter

Happy New Year Green Team Teachers! Good luck with the start of the New Year!

2015 is gearing up to be an important year for environmentalists and climate change activists alike. We can all do our part this year to transition to a more sustainable future. What better way to get your students and coworkers involved than to challenge them to make a “green” New Year’s resolution. Need some inspiration? Check out this great [list](#) from One Green Planet.

Let us know what your or your student’s green resolutions are and we will post them to our website.

Featured Topics:

Abitibi Paper Retriever has gone out of business and was bought by **American Paper Recycling** in Mansfield, which is working on picking up the contents of the Abitibi paper recycling containers. If you have an Abitibi Paper Retriever container at your school, contact 800-422-3220 to coordinate pickups and program continuation.

2014 finished out very strong for many of THE GREEN TEAM schools and partners. We are glad to highlight the work of these excellent model schools and recycling champions.

- **Launa Zimmaro – Carlisle Recycling Coordinator** – After starting a carton recycling program in the school cafeteria of Carlisle, the Carlisle School increased the already dramatic reduction in their waste. They implemented a carton and mixed containers recycling program as well as a composting program and saw a 66% reduction in solid waste!
- **Beverly Public Schools** – Both Briscoe Middle and Beverly High School are now composting their food waste from kitchens and cafeterias. They use compostable trays, too. The Middle School lunch has gone from 9-12 bags of trash to just 1! Congrats!
- **Arlington Middle School** – Mayor Rivera of Lawrence joined the kids of Arlington Middle School to deliver 20 new recycling bins that will be used to recycle paper around the school. Classes created posters to encourage everyone to use the new bins.



School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development

Green Mountain College Full Tuition Scholarship

Green Mountain College is conducting an ongoing search to find students who have somehow made a significant contribution to a fellow human, to society or toward conservation and sustainability. They want to encourage the leaders of tomorrow and reward their contribution with a full tuition scholarship including fees, room, and board to Green Mountain -- a college that will foster their ideals and their desire to engage in and promote leadership practiced not for self-aggrandizement but for the greater good.

[Click to learn more, fill out a nomination form and download an application](#)

January

Jan. 13, 2015 - Massachusetts Farm to School Conference

Massachusetts just implemented a pioneering food waste diversion regulation. Find out how you can reduce cafeteria waste, turn leftover food scraps into compost, and then feed your garden or farm with this "black gold" at the upcoming Farm to School conference. Learn about grants, equipment and technical support available from MassDEP, and hear from Friends of Holly Hill Farm in Hingham and the Quabbin HS Food Service Director about how they do it. **Registration closes on January 7th.**

[Click here](#) to complete your registration online for this great conference!

Jan. 31, 2015 - DEADLINE for Massachusetts Envirothon

[Massachusetts Envirothon](#) registration for 2015 must be completed by January 31st. This program is a fun and challenging environmental program for high school students to get outdoors and explore, engage with their communities, test their environmental knowledge, gain hands-on experience for MA ecosystems, and increase their awareness of career opportunities in the environmental field. The Current Issue is **Climate Crisis: Taking Action in Massachusetts Communities**.

February

Feb. 6, 2015 - Massachusetts Envirothon

Massachusetts Envirothon is having a series of [Ecostation Workshops](#) at Worcester Technical High School from 8:30am-3pm. Workshops include: Tree Identification, Field Guide Fundamentals, Wildlife Habitat Assessment HIKE, Food Justice, and Watershed Delineation. Registration cost is \$10. For a full description of the workshops, check out the agenda:

<http://www.maenvirothon.org/workshops15.htm>

Feb. 10, 2015 - Massachusetts Green Student Leadership Council 10th

[Green Schools and National Green Schools Society](#) will host the first [Massachusetts Green Student Leadership Council](#) meeting at EPA Region 1 Headquarters, 5 Post Office Square in Boston on Tuesday, February 10 from 3-5:30 pm. The Council is open to one high school student (grades 9-12) per Massachusetts municipality. Space is limited and Green Schools and the Green Schools Society will accept the first 100 students who [register](#).

Feb. 16, 2015 - DEADLINE for NSTAR Challenge

The [NSTAR Challenge](#), a program for grades K-12, teaches students about energy efficiency and sustainable living. It invites students to showcase their energy knowledge through various challenges. With this program, NSTAR hopes to encourage energy-efficient standards and sustainable living among students living in NSTAR Electric communities.

In order for students' work to be considered for the Challenge, they must register online or by mail prior to their submission. Registration forms are due by **Monday, February 16, 2015**. Registration forms are available [here](#).

March

March 27, 2015 - DEADLINE – [The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs](#) is now accepting nominations for the 2015 [Excellence in Energy and Environmental Education Awards](#). Awards will be presented at the State House this spring to Massachusetts teachers and students involved in school-based programs that promote environmental and energy education. All public and private MA schools (K-12) are eligible. [Nominate a teacher or student here](#).

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