



# The Green Team News

## July 2015 Newsletter

### Happy July, GREEN TEAM Teachers!

We hope you are enjoying your summer vacation so far! Congratulations on a great school year. [The 2014-2015 GREEN TEAM Prize Winners List](#) and [Mass DEP Press Release](#) celebrating your accomplishments are now posted on the GREEN TEAM website. Please remember to [re-register with the GREEN TEAM for 2015-2016](#) so you will be all set for the coming school year!

### GREEN TEAM Spotlight

Be sure to check out the [2014-2015 GREEN TEAM Spotlight](#) webpage. Here are a few success stories:

- **Michelle Cunniff's class at Point Webster Middle School in Quincy, MA** received recycling bins for paper, cardboard, and bottles & cans, which allowed them to expand their recycling program by collecting 30% more paper. Ms. Cunniff reports, "Students love the wheeled recycling carts...The equipment has helped our grade 8 students become more responsible. They are amazed at all the paper waste we have prevented from being thrown into the trash."
- **Jessica Lazarus's class at Raynham Regional High School in Bridgewater** helped reduce single use disposable bags in their community through a letter to the town council. Ms. Lazarus explains, "Our posters help to support the recycling efforts in the town and school community and we are now recycling more bottles and using less paper overall." This GREEN TEAM

other activities included raising money for Equal Exchange, an organic and natural local coffee company, and planting trees at their school. They also researched Wetland Areas through the Kim McCoy Project W.E.T., which "studies the insects and organisms in local bodies of water to determine if th

studies the insects and organisms in local bodies of water to determine if the water is healthy and how the local ecosystem is doing in regards to self-sustainability.” Congratulations to this GREEN TEAM for all their hard work!

- **Danvers and Winchester Schools** both [won awards at the Northeast Resource Recovery Association conference](#) last month! Congratulations!
- **Berlin Memorial School** was [featured in this article](#) in the Worcester Telegr & Gazette for their school-wide recycling program. The program is run by the fourth-graders, and the students also helped protect the rain forest and made their school an Idle-Free Zone. “Environmental education projects are an important part of the curriculum at Berlin Memorial,” noted teacher Ann Rossow. “We will continue to do our part to encourage everyone to be environmentally responsible.”
- **Hull High School GREEN TEAM coached by Nicole Palermo Cristaldi** [Check out this video](#) of an awesome presentation made by Hull High School Green Team students to the School Committee about their school composting and recycling programs, using equipment provided by the Green Team. Impressive!

## **School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development**

-[Composting How-To Videos](#) are now posted on the GREEN TEAM website. [Learn how](#) to set up a school composting program and how to assemble a compost bin available from the GREEN TEAM.

-[SMRP Municipal In-Kind Technical Assistance Grants](#): MA cities and towns applying for Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) In-Kind Technical Assistance Grants can receive up to 80 hours of recycling/solid waste or Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) planning assistance from a [MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator \(MAC\)](#). MassDEP accepts applications between early July and late August annually.

-[Bottle and Can Recycling](#): Recycling bottles and cans is great not only for the environment, but as a way to save money. [Mass DEP's Bottle and Can Recycling Resource Page](#) provides information about the Massachusetts Bottle Bill, which

gives consumers a financial incentive to recycle while also saving resources and energy.

## Events

**July 15 – Deadline for schools to apply for a [mini-grant](#) to offset the cost of materials for [Green Apple Day of Service](#), an international day of action coordinated by the U.S. Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools. The event brings students, teachers, business owners, government officials and community volunteers together around a green themed service project. [Sign up here!](#)**



*Boston Latin School Trash Dash, an event during Green Apple Day of Service.*

**July 15-29 – [Summer Workshops on the Farm for Educators](#) Offered by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom on farms across the state this July.**

**July 29-30 – [Recharge Trainings on Wind Energy at UMass Lowell](#) Learn how to teach about wind energy by attending these FREE trainings. Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm both days. [Register here.](#)**

**Aug. 11 – [Green Team equipment distribution day, West Roxbury](#) If you want recycling or composting equipment before the school year begins, get your equipment request in soon and plan to pick it up in West Roxbury on August 11<sup>th</sup> between 10am-4pm. (The next equipment distribution day in West Roxbury will be November 12<sup>th</sup>).**

Have a safe and happy summer! We look forward to working with you again during the next school year.

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