



The Green Team News

September 2012 News

Dear Green Team Teacher,

Another summer has come and passed us by, and The Green Team is gearing up for a dynamic school year! As you prepare for classes, please take a moment to [renew your Green Team membership](#) for the 2012-2013 school year, and be sure to let us know of any changes to your information, **especially your e-mail or phone number**.

Once we receive your registration, we will ship you a Green Team kit in the mail. The kit contains a classroom poster, activities, lesson plans and other resources to help educate your students about the importance of recycling, waste reduction and pollution prevention.

Idling Reduction and Recycling materials can be requested through forms on [The Green Team website](#). We have equipment in stock, and we will respond to requests as they are received. [The Lending Library](#) also has a host of resources, both online and hardcopies, for your use in the classroom. Additionally, information is available on how Green Team lessons are aligned with Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks and the MCAS.

As always the [Teacher Response Form](#) is due **March 31st, 2013**. These reports on your activities throughout the year are submitted in exchange for Certificates of Recognition for your class and prizes for your students.

Please share the useful benefits of The Green Team with your colleagues; encourage them to become members! The [press release](#) sent out in June featuring last year's winners is still available on the MassDEP website. Take a look if you haven't already.

Events in our State

Massachusetts is one of the 38 states intending to nominate schools for the U.S. Dep't of Education **Green Ribbon Schools 2013 recognition award**, which honors schools exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of students and staff, and providing effective environmental and sustainability education. For more information about how your school can be nominated, please visit their [website](#).

September

On **Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012**, the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council will host the first ever Green Apple Day of Service. Students all over the country will participate in events that showcase and support the

sustainability of our schools. Plans for energy assessments, garden clean-ups, and improvements to recycling programs are just a few of the activities happening in **Springfield, Amherst, and Boston** on this day! For a list of planned activities and for ideas and inspiration for your own school and community, check out their [website](#).

October

On **Friday, Oct. 5, 2012**, from 8:30-12:30 pm, the first National Green Ribbon Schools Award Conference in Massachusetts will be held at the EPA New England Regional Laboratory in Chelmsford. Sponsored by the Indoor Air Quality in Schools Taskforce and the MA Dept. of Public Health, this free conference will focus on ways to improve the environmental health at your schools and how to apply to become a national **Green Ribbon School**. Space is limited and you must attend as a 2-3 person team from your school. For more information and to register, visit their [website](#) today!

Recycling News

After Crayola's rebuffing of some California school kids' efforts to get the company to take back its markers for recycling, Dixon Ticonderoga Co. has announced Prang Power Recycling Program, a nationwide art marker recycling program. The program offers postage-paid shipping labels for sending in Prang markers — at least 7 pounds (around 250 markers). Read the [article](#) about the company's proactive support and [sign up](#) today!

Lastly, to remind us all that even the smallest among us can be a catalyst for change, fifth grader [Mia Hansen](#) was taken aback by the amount of Styrofoam containers at her local Jamba Juice smoothie store. In response, she began this petition on change.org that received over 130,000 signatures and the attention of Jamba Juice executives, who have pledged to phase out Styrofoam products by the end of 2013.

It is moments like these that are the mark of an empowering education. Thank you for your commitment to provide the skills and information our children need to help the environment through recycling, waste reduction and pollution prevention. If you have any questions, please contact me via email or telephone at (413) 586-7350, ext. 225.

Let's have a fantastic year!

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