



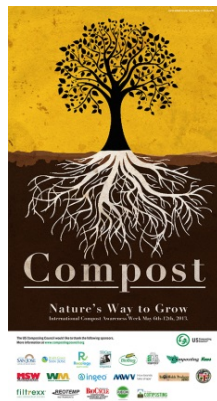
The Green Team News

November 2013 Newsletter

Happy November!

There are a lot of events coming up this month. Take a look and stay involved.

Do you have students that can create something like this? Read about the US Composting Council's poster contest at the bottom of this newsletter.



Coming soon: A **private** Facebook group for **Green Team teachers and support people only** to collaborate with one another. Share your successes, questions, or anything on your mind regarding waste reduction, idle reduction, and energy efficiency within your school. Stay tuned for more information!

[The Green Team](#) was highlighted in Wicked Local this past October. We have a link posted on our [website under GT in the Media](#). If your school makes it in the media (newspaper, online or on the news, send it to recycle@thegreenteam.org for us to post it. Take a look and see who else made it in the media.

[Eco-Schools USA](#) is a National Wildlife Federation program to help educators integrate sustainability throughout their schools and curriculum. This program works to raise environmental stewardship among youth globally. There are [many benefits to becoming an Eco-School](#) including an improvement in academic performance. [Learn how your school can join here.](#)

[Earth Gauge](#), a program of the National Environmental Education Foundation, shares how climate change and weather influences fall foliage, affecting the multi-billion dollar revenue for New England. There are a lot of factors that produce the perfect fall foliage photograph, but warmer temperatures due to climate change have delayed leaf coloring and leaf drop around the world. [Click here to read more and learn what climactic events effect fall foliage.](#)

School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development

November

Nov. 9th – [Mass. Ag. In the Classroom's](#) Fall "[Greening the School Conference](#)" will be held at the Clay Science Center of the Dexter & Southfield Schools in Brookline. Workshops will focus on composting and healthy soils, school gardening and more. 8:30am-3:30pm; \$50. [Register Here](#)

Nov. 12th – Online Webinar: [Fall Gardening with your Students and Youth Groups](#) from the [National Wildlife Federation](#). Topics include wildlife in your area, how to create a garden, student engagement in outdoor

activities, and planning for your garden in the spring. [RSVP Required.](#) 7:30pm-8:30pm; Free

Nov. 15th – [America Recycles Day](#). What will your school do to celebrate? [Join an event](#), [host an event](#), or [take the pledge](#). Help make recycling bigger and better 365 days a year.

Nov. 15th – [Great American Can Roundup School Challenge](#) – This is an easy and fun way to raise money and help the environment. The competition begins on November 15th and ends on April 22nd, 2014. There is potential to win \$6,000 for your school! [Register here](#) and let the games begin.

Nov. 16th - [Massachusetts Revised Science, Technology, & Engineering Standards Launch Event](#) sponsored by the Mass. Assoc. of Science Teachers (MAST) and Mass. Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education, at **Boxborough Holiday Inn**. This informational program is designed to present the Massachusetts big picture regarding the revised science and technology/ engineering standards. Included in the program will be a presentation by Dr. Jacob Foster of the Massachusetts DESE who will focus on guiding principles for good science education as well as the overall design of how content and core ideas progress across grades. 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Nov. 30th Deadline: [US Composting Council](#) invites you to get involved in the [2014 International Compost Awareness Week](#) by submitting a poster into the [13th Annual Poster Contest](#). [This year's theme: Compost!...The solution to sustainable soil and water.](#) Let your students show their artistic ability with an entry and a chance to win and have their poster distributed nationwide. It's free and entries are welcome by 12 noon on November 30th.

Stay sustainable!

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