



The Green Team News

October 2013 Newsletter

Happy October Green Team Teachers! We hope the first month of school has gone well for you.

This year's Green Team kits have been mailed out and you should be receiving them shortly if you have not already.

Does your school recycle milk cartons? Check out what these three Washington State schools did to [reduce their milk carton waste!](#)

Do you know how easy it is to **recycle textiles**? You can check out MassDEP's new webpage on [Textile Recycling](#). It has lots of information for schools and the general public on why, how and where to recycle textiles.

School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development

October

Oct. 3rd – Green Ribbon Schools Webinar. Learn about the U.S. Dept. of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Award application process and get useful resources and tips. 3pm-4pm; Free. [Register Here](#).

Oct. 9th - [Massachusetts Science of Energy Workshop](#). This free workshop will explore the forms of energy and energy transformations, teach about the sources of energy, and provide resources to reduce energy use at home and at school. Educational kits, breakfast, lunch, and substitute reimbursement are provided. 4th - 12th grade classroom teachers. Sea Crest Beach Hotel, Falmouth, MA ([map](#)); Free, [Register Here!](#)

Oct. 15th –Deadline to sign up to participate in the [Keep America Beautiful Recycle-Bowl School Competition](#), which runs from Oct. 21st through Nov. 15, 2013. Recycle-Bowl is a free national competition and benchmarking tool for K-12 school recycling programs. There are lots of tools and resources and prizes for top performers. [Click here to register](#).

Oct. 19th – [Day of Garden Skills Workshops & Demonstration for the School Garden](#) from [Mass Agriculture in the Classroom](#). Spend an educational and fun day brushing up on your gardening techniques and learning new activity ideas for the school garden. Saturday 9am-3pm in Belchertown; Free. [Register Here](#)

Oct. 19th - [Green Scholars Trainings](#) - An Experiential 21st Century Approach to School-Based Environmental Sustainability. This one time training will help you bring an environmental sustainability program to your school. Manchester by the Sea, MA ([map](#)); \$249.

[Register here](#) for October 19th from 9am-3pm

[Register here](#) for October 30th from 4pm-7pm

[Register here](#) for November 6th from 4pm-7pm

[Register here](#) for November 8th from 8:30am-2pm

Oct. 19th – [Massachusetts Envirothon. Volunteer Day at Sholan Farms](#). Join us to help with the harvest and see this amazing farm in action. Volunteer tasks include picking apples for cider making, spreading grass seed, weeding, planting shrubs and trail work. Lunch will be provided! <http://sholanfarms.com/> Leominster, MA. RSVP to massenvirothon@gmail.com

Oct. 25th – [Envirothon Introductory Workshop on Sustainable Local Agriculture](#). Topics include: Water, agriculture, climate change, aquaculture, soil health and more. Contact [Brita Dempsey](#) for details. UMass Amherst 8:30-3pm.

Oct. 25th - Registration Deadline for the [New England Education Alliance Conference](#) on Nov. 1-3 in Newport, RI. See details below! [Register Here](#)

Oct. 29th - [Massachusetts Science of Energy Workshop](#). Unique opportunity for teachers of grade 6-8 to learn about the science of energy and energy efficiency and conservation. Provides educators with curriculum and kits that align with Massachusetts standards. Receive certificates verifying number of professional development hours. Radisson Plymouth Harbor/Carver Room; Tuesday from 8:00-3:15; Free. [Register Here](#) by **Oct. 19th**.

November

Nov. 1st- 3rd - [New England Environmental Education Alliance Conference](#) and the Sustainable Schools Summit are hosting a conference on [Achieving Environmental Literacy: Health, Environment, Curriculum](#). Ensuring that our students experience and understand the interconnectedness of human and natural systems by embedding environmental education into all strands or PreK-20 curriculum. Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island. [Register Here by October 25th](#); \$180 for full conference.

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

Stay Green!

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