



The Green Team News

September 2013 Newsletter

Dear Green Team Teacher,

As the summer winds down and the leaves begin to change color, The Green Team is gearing up for a very exciting school year with our redesigned [web site](#)! As you get settled with your new classes, please take a moment to [Register with the Green Team](#) for the 2013-2014 school year, and be sure to update any information that has changed.

Once we receive your registration, we will mail you a [Green Team kit](#). This kit contains a classroom poster, activities for your students, lesson plans, and other educational resources to help instill the importance of recycling, waste reduction and pollution prevention.

[Idling Reduction](#) and [Recycling/Composting](#) 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. These forms must be signed by the principal and faxed to The Green Team at (413) 586-7351 or scanned and emailed to recycle@thegreenteam.org.

Would you like to become a [Green Team Eco-Star](#)? Drop us a line to tell us what you are up to and your story could be highlighted on our website!

Green Team [Teacher Response Forms](#) will be due by March 31, 2014. Use this form to report on your students' activities, and your class will receive certificates and prizes in May!

Several schools made it into our local media last year! [Check out these links](#) showcasing their great work, and please forward any article links that feature your students to us so we can share them with all the Green Team members!

School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development

September

Sept. 4 – Nominations are open for the [18th Annual MassRecycle Awards](#) which recognize outstanding individuals, municipalities, businesses and schools who have demonstrated exceptional recycling and waste reduction in Massachusetts. Categories include K-12 Schools and [self-nominations are welcome](#). The Award Ceremony will be held Nov. 5, 6-9 pm at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester. Good luck to all Green Team schools!

Sept. 24th – [Massachusetts Envirothon](#) Webinar, 5:00 pm. This statewide and national high school competition is gearing up for 2014. The Current Issue is Sustainable Local Agriculture, and this year's competition will be held at Sholan Farms in Leominster, MA on May 15, 2014. Contact Brita Dempsey, Envirothon Coordinator, at massenvirothon@gmail.com for more information.

Sept. 25th - [Massachusetts Renewable Energy Workshop](#) for teachers, sponsored by NSTAR, in Woburn, MA, 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.; free.

Sept. 27th - [The Massachusetts Green Ribbon Schools Award Conference](#) takes place at Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Launched by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) in 2011, [the Green Ribbon Schools](#) recognition honors schools that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of students and staff, and delivering effective environmental and sustainability education. This is the second year that Massachusetts is participating in the program. Learn how

to apply, meet 2012 Green Ribbon Awardees and gather valuable resources! Register at <http://2013magreenribbonschoolawardconference.eventbrite.com/>

Sept. 28th - [Green Apple Day of Service](#) to advance healthy, sustainable schools, promoted by the Massachusetts Chapter of the U.S. Green Buildings Council (USGBC). USGBC MA is aiming to have more than 50 projects registered across the state: indoor or outdoor clean ups, preparing a garden, creating signage that helps to reduce waste, or any other project that promotes healthy schools and community service. If you would like to organize an event, please contact Steve Muzzy, USGBC MA Green Schools Program Manager at smuzzy@usgbcma.org.

October

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.](#)

Looking forward to a fantastic year with our new and returning Green Team members!

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