



The Green Team News

July 2014 Newsletter

Happy July, Green Team Teachers!

Welcome to summer! We hope you are enjoying summer and some well-deserved time off! Congratulations on all your outstanding environmental achievements during the past school year! The Green Team prize winners are listed on the Green Team [website](#), and MassDEP recently issued a [press release](#) highlighting the year's accomplishments and the 78 classes that received Green Team awards. You might find some new ideas there to share with your students next year!

Green Team Spotlight

We would like to highlight the 2014 Massachusetts Green Ribbon School awardee, Boston Latin School, whose achievements have been recognized on a national level. Congratulations, Boston Latin School! There will be a national Green Ribbon Schools award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. honoring Boston Latin School and the other awardees on July 22, 2014, at 2:00 pm. [Watch Live: ED-Green Ribbon Schools to be Honored](#)

School Programs, Resources and Professional Development

- **Free Technical Assistance for your School Waste Diversion Programs** – For schools interested in some additional technical assistance to help start or improve recycling or composting programs, MassDEP is accepting applications for technical assistance on municipal solid waste and recycling projects. Massachusetts communities may apply for up to 80 hours of in-kind technical assistance from their MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator (MAC) for a recycling or waste reduction project. Applications are accepted until late August. To learn more about the program, to find your MAC or to submit an application, visit the [SMRP Municipal In-Kind Technical Assistance Grants](#) page at the MassDEP website.
- The **US Green Building Council MA** is offering mini-grants for schools participating in the [Green Apple Day of Service](#) (GADOS). There are currently 6 mini-grants provided by NSTAR for energy saving GADOS projects and 1 from Capitol Waste Services for any GADOS project. See their [GADOS Mini-Grant webpage](#) for information about eligibility and to apply. Applications are due by Aug. 15, 2014.
- **Textile Recycling** - Each year in MA, 230,000 tons of textiles are dumped in the trash. The average US citizen throws away 70 pounds of clothing and textiles annually, yet 95% of all textiles can be recycled! For more information, visit [MassDEP's textile](#)

[resource webpage](#), [Bay State Textiles](#) or [Council for Textile Recycling](#).

- **Cartons are recyclable!** Interested in learning about recycling juice, milk or soymilk cartons? Click on this link to the [Carton Council's](#) website to see if a program exists in your community, and for [school carton recycling resources](#).
- Interested in single-stream recycling? Kid-friendly YouTube clips on single-stream recycling are available from [Boulder County](#) and [Rhode Island](#).

There are a lot of great opportunities, contests and events coming up over the next few months. See below for dates and descriptions!

July & August

July 15th - Carton Recycling Workshop at the Lexington Department of Public Works, 201 Bedford Street, Room 221. Please RSVP if you plan to attend to: skishida@beverlyma.gov or call (978)605.2409

July 16th - An evening with Jean-Michel Cousteau, Our Shared Responsibility for the Ocean, Faneuil Hall, Boston from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Free. [Click here](#) to learn more.

July 22nd - The Green Ribbon Schools award Ceremony honoring Boston Latin School and other awardees will take place at 2:00pm at the U.S. Department of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover Auditorium in Washington D.C. [Watch Live: ED-Green Ribbon Schools to be Honored](#)

July 1- Aug.7th – [Summer Graduate Course](#) offered by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom in cooperation with Fitchburg State College.

July 8-31st - [Summer Workshops on the Farm for Educators](#) offered by Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom on farms across the state.

Aug 5th – [Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom](#) is planning a [summer conference](#) at Tahanto Regional High School in Boylston, with all of the workshops connecting the classroom to the school garden.

August 8th - Green Schools for the 21st Century Training. This training is modeled after the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Program. Learn how to implement the 3 Pillars and exemplary practices in your K-12 school. The training takes place from 8:30am-4:00pm, at 36 Lincoln Street, Manchester By The Sea, MA. Please [click here](#) to register.

Aug 21st - [The Harvard Forest](#) offers a Forest Ecology training for teachers of grades 4-12. Learn how to implement field studies related to local ecosystems, invasive species and/or global climate change with your students right in your schoolyard.

September

Sept 27th – The [2014 Green Apple Day of Service](#) gives parents. teachers. students.

companies and local organizations the opportunity to transform all schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments through local service projects. Check out project ideas and helpful event resources [here](#) and [register](#) your 2014 project today. Apply for a [mini-grant](#) by August 15 to help with your event.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to communicating with you as a [The Green Team](#) member again next school year!

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