



The Green Team News

May 2015 Newsletter

Hello Green Team Teacher,

We received amazing stories from over 60 schools' Teacher Response Forms. Thanks to all who shared their successes!

"One of our science units this year is Climate Change so the Climate Change Scorecard fit perfectly with science," noted Becky Acheson of Gates Elementary School, Acton.

"I believe that the whole school benefited from our recycling program. It is getting bigger and better with time," reported long time Green Team teacher, Angela Cappucci, of the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, Boston.

"We continued our initiatives from last year in order to make recycling and environmental awareness a part of our school culture," reported Stephanie Syre-Hager of Quinsigamond Elementary, Worcester.



We hope all of your compost bins have thawed out.

Photo provided by Hull High School

Many GREEN TEAMS set up recycling programs and started outdoor compost bins (received from THE GREEN TEAM) to accompany their school gardens. Check out the [Photo Gallery](#) to see photos we've received so far. It is great to see students engaged, in action and getting outside for experiential learning. We are continually humbled by all that you do - thank you! We will be shipping Certificates of Recognition and prizes out in May. Stay tuned!



Congratulations to Danvers Public Schools for winning the 2015 K-12 Recycling Award at the MassRecycle R3 Conference held in Quincy last month. The award recognizes the tremendous work Danvers School District has accomplished developing a recycling program and promoting sustainable practices to students, faculty and staff. Read more on [THE GREEN TEAM Spotlight](#) webpage where we highlight GREEN TEAM Eco-Stars.

If you weren't able to attend the MassRecycle R3 Conference, the presentations have been posted [to the conference webpage](#). Be sure to check out the "K-12 Recycling" Schools Track where there are great presentations from School Recycling Champions across the state.

Now is a good time to plan for reuse and recycling during the annual cleanout of lockers and classrooms at the end of the school year. Use MassRecycle's [Great Locker Greenout Toolkit](#) for guidance on how best to plan for this.

It is never too late to [register](#) for THE GREEN TEAM, so tell your peers about this great resource. We'll be sending [newsletters](#) out over the summer to help you plan for next year. Think about applying for [recycling or composting equipment](#) or [Idling Reduction signs and materials](#) for your school.

Congratulations to the Massachusetts schools that received the

2015 national [U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools awards](#)! The following schools and district were selected for their progress in reducing environmental impact and utility costs, promoting better health for students and staff, and offering effective environmental education, including civics, STEM and green career pathways.

- Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upton
- Hingham High School, Hingham
- Cambridge Public Schools District, Cambridge

[Learn more](#) about their applications and accomplishments.

School Programs, Resources, Competitions and Professional Development

May 3-9, 2015 – [International Compost Awareness Week](#)! Get involved in this multimedia publicity and education event that showcases composting and compost products, from composting in your backyard to large-scale composting. This year's theme is: *Be Loyal to Your Soil: Compost!* Sponsored by the [U.S. Composting Council](#).

May 6, 2015 - [Mass Farm to School Day at the State House](#). Join the Massachusetts Farm to School Project and others from 12:00 to 1:30 to advocate farm to school activities. Attend a legislative briefing and meeting with elected officials. [RSVP and learn more](#).

May 10, 2015 – Deadline for environmental students and seniors to apply for special recognition from National Green Schools Society. Learn more about this and access the online form on the [GreenSchools website](#).

May 11, 2015 – Environmental Education Awards Ceremony, Massachusetts State House, Great Hall 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs honors outstanding school programs across Massachusetts.

May 14, 2015 - [Mass Envirothon](#), Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown.
Join other high schools in this wonderful annual statewide competition.
[Learn More](#).

May 30, 2015 – [9th Annual Youth Summit on Climate Change](#), MIT Stata Center, Cambridge, 9:00 am-2:30 pm, sponsored by **Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network**. Learn about renewable energy, sustainable living and youth leadership around climate change with peers who are passionate about greening their school and community. [Register online](#) to ensure you get the workshops you want at this FREE event!

Enjoy the warmer weather!

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