

Waste Watch- January 2015

Have you heard about the Green Alliance? It is made up of parents from their school's Green Team. Yes, each school in Belmont has a Green Team that supports green, healthy, sustainable topics! These groups were formed during the last year and have been extremely helpful with recycling, gardening, and healthy initiatives in the schools.

The Green Alliance decided that they would kick-off Belmont's designation as a Green Community by having all four elementary schools take part in the Global Green Cup Challenge, a national contest.

<http://www.greenschoolsalliance.org/energy-challenge>

The Challenge is pretty simple--Belmont families could even try it at home—

- 1) students read and record the electric meter once a week
- 2) all members of the school community will reduce unnecessary electricity consumption within the school

Some energy saving tips to try at home:

<http://www.nrdc.org/air/energy/genenergy.asp>

<http://www.publicpower.org/Topics/content.cfm?ItemNumber=22911>

Let's get ready and kick-off our Green Communities status by turning off, unplugging, and powering down our electronics. Reducing electricity saves money and reduces pollution. For more information contact your school's Green Team representative.

Have you received your new phone books? Your old ones and your new ones are 100% recyclable and can be recycled at the curb. Just remember to take off the plastic bag which can be recycled with your other plastic bags and film in a container at the front of a grocery store. If you don't want to receive these phone books you can opt out at

www.recycleyellowbook.com

Thanks for recycling and conserving energy. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Mary Beth Calnan, Belmont Recycling Coordinator, at mcalan@belmont-ma.gov or 617-993-2689.