

Three Cambridge Schools Win Recycling Competition

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The Cambridge Public School District is committed to implementing sustainable practices with a focus on energy reduction and waste reduction. This Spring, in partnership with the Department of Public Works, the School Department is pleased to announce the winners of this year's "RecycleCraze," a fourteen-week recycling competition facilitated by Meryl Brott, Recycling Program Manager (DPW) and Kristen von Hoffmann, Sustainability Manager (CPSD).

Among the Cambridge Public Schools, first place was earned by the Maria L. Baldwin School for recycling an average of 38.8 pounds per student. The Fletcher-Maynard Academy and the Kennedy-Longfellow School earned second and third place by recycling an average of 33.4 and 29.9 pounds per student, respectively. DPW presented each winning school with a unique recycled metal trophy made by artist Anna Johansson.

A new Rockin' Recyclers Award was given this year to the Baldwin School for their efforts to educate and involve students in recycling and waste prevention. Certificates of Achievement for extra recycling and waste reduction efforts were given to: Roger Levesque, senior custodian at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy; Stephen MacLellan, teacher at Graham & Parks Alternative School; Joseph Signorelli, senior custodian at the Maria L. Baldwin School; and Martin Wrin, teacher at the Maria L. Baldwin School.



During the RecycleCraze competition, the Cambridge Public Schools recycled nearly 59 tons of paper, cardboard and containers, saving 899 trees, nearly eight truckloads of trash from being sent to the landfill or incinerator, and avoiding the use of more than 411,000 gallons of water.

Cambridge Public Schools also recycle lunchroom Styrofoam, metal furniture, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, and non-alkaline batteries. The King Open, Graham & Parks School, and the Cambridge Rindge and Latin 9th Grade Campus compost their lunch food scraps.

To learn more about Cambridge Recycling, [click here](#).

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In Photo: Maria L. Baldwin School first graders Mia Burbridge, Jasenia Casanova-Dejesus, Peter Loutzenheiser, Shadnan Asraf and Jakari Griffiths, along with teacher Marty Wrin, proudly hold their school's Rockin' Recyclers Award and First Place RecycleCraze trophy. They are pictured in front of the "Recycling Monster Truck" that was made in their classroom out of recycled materials.