



Wellesley Green Schools October 16th, 2017 Newsletter
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In an effort to reduce plastic water bottle waste, Kathy Hellgren helped staff the hydration station at the Fiske Wild West Roundup. Attendees consumed about 15 gallons of water using the igloos, equivalent to over a hundred 16.9 oz plastic water bottles. Paper cups were recycled on the spot!

You Can Borrow the 2 Water Igloos! They're Available For All School Events.
E-Mail info@wellesleygreenschools.com to Borrow Them!

We'd like to take you on a journey from start to finish that shows how we create change in our community when Wellesley works together.

The Story of the Reusable Clamshells



Matt Delaney, Wellesley Public School's Food Service Director, knew there had to be a better way than serving the "bagel fun lunch" in one-time-use plastic clamshells to the elementary schools. He shared his thoughts with Phyllis Theermann from Wellesley Green Schools.

Phyllis reached out to some students at Olin College who were intrigued with the product development idea, but unfortunately didn't have bandwidth that semester to take this project on.



Phyllis then spoke to Alex Davis, Sustainability Manager at Babson College to see if he had suggestions. He recommended a reusable product they use from Preserve, a company in Waltham.

These food safe products can be washed and reused hundreds of times and then returned to Preserve to be made into something new.



Hunnewell wanted in. Wellesley Green Schools parents at Hunnewell collaborated with their PTO who split the cost of reusable clamshells for Hunnewell with Whitsons.

Jon Mantak, a Hunnewell "Green Team" parent, submitted this photo of the BPA free reusable clamshell. At \$4.00 for hundreds of uses compared to .21 cents for a one-time use disposable, it will quickly save money as well as being more earth-friendly.



GREEN NEWS! Sprague's Fall Festival Featured a Gently Used Halloween Costume Sale & Asked People to Bring Their Own Water Bottles!



SPRAGUE'S COSTUME SALE

Planning for Halloween? Make it Green!

- Buy a used costume or swap with friends!
- Make a costume from clothing that can be reused after Halloween: here's an easy [pajama based costume guide](#) for ideas.
- Save your [Teal pumpkin project](#) sign and decorations to reuse next year!
- Reduce: give trick-or-treaters one piece of candy, they'll still go home with plenty!
- Choose greener candy: avoid palm oil and mix in some treats that come in recyclable cardboard like nerds, raisins or dots.

There are a few more spots for families to sign up for the RDF Food Waste Drop Off pilot project! Turn your food scraps into compost or biogas by bringing them to the RDF. Families can learn more and sign up on the RDF website: <http://www.wellesleyma.gov/899/Food-Waste-Program>

Cool Green Kids' Activity - Listen to A Podcast

Like listening to podcasts? Your kids might, too! Try [Wow In the World](#), a science podcast from NPR for kids. In the episode [Your Shoelaces On G-Force And Bubble Gulpies of the Future](#) the entertaining hosts explore the problem caused by disposable water bottles and explain how some scientists are trying to solve it.

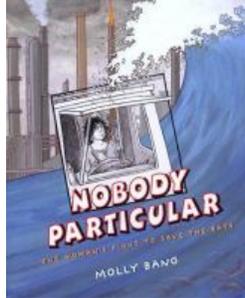
You can find more great podcasts for kids recommended by Sprague parent Abby Glassenberg [here](#).



Salad turnips are in season! Not sure what to do with them? Try them in this [farro salad recipe](#) from Second Nature Farm in Norton, MA.

Green Book Recommendation!

Nobody Particular: One Woman's Fight to Save the Bays (Grades 7-12)



A graphic novel based on the true story of one woman in Texas who goes up against the chemical plants polluting the bay where she and her family have made their living for generations. When Diane Wilson discovered that Texas' chemical plants pollute more than any other state, she educates herself, lobbies, protests, writes letters and never gives up. [Request it from the Wellesley Free Library!](#)

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