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Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!
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Wellesley Green Schools Kicks Off The School Year!



Wellesley Green Schools had their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 28th. Topics included food recovery, recycling in the cafeterias, reusable containers for school cold lunches, anti-idling campaigns, school gardens and composting, and helping schools throw greener events.

Planning a party or school event? [Click Here](#) for our updated Smart Event Guide with tips on throwing a greener event!

Food Recovery: Matt Delaney Helps WPS Get Surplus Food into People, Not Landfills

Wellesley Public Schools Food
Director Matt Delaney of Whitsons



updated the Wellesley Green Schools on Food Recovery efforts. Surplus pre-consumer food from the Middle School where most meals are made will now be posted on [Spoiler Alert](#) or picked up by [Food For Free](#) so the food can go into people instead of landfills. A bonus: tracking surplus will save money as schools use the data to decide how much food to order.

It Feels Like Fall! Wondering What To Do With Your Local, Seasonal Produce from the [Wellesley Farmers' Market](#)? Try This Kid-Friendly [Pumpkin Apple Harvest Rice!](#)



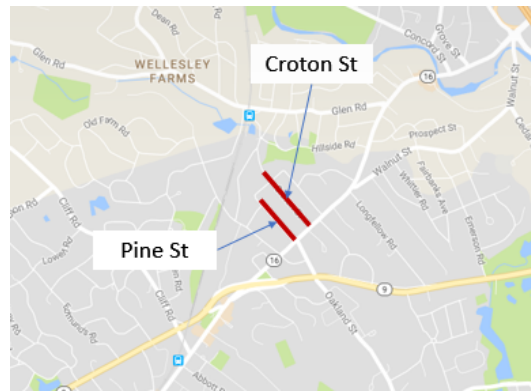
We're Working on Elementary School Cafeteria Recycling!

Pictured here is the "What Can I Recycle" billboard made by Michelle Foster and her kindergartener last year for Sprague. Parent volunteers have been helping new students learn what can be recycled and how to sort everything. Recycling has drastically reduced the amount of trash after each lunch!

Cool Green Kids' Activity - Have Them Give Input on Wellesley's New Street Light Options:

Have your kids help Wellesley choose new LED streetlights! This will save us \$125,000 every year and reduce the Town's carbon footprint which is awesome. Different lights have a different color, glare, and

'feel'. Bring your kids to Croton and Pine Streets (see map) in the evening and to check out our existing lights and the two LED options. Then fill out the [MLP survey](#) together **by October 13th!**



Green Book Recommendation!

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia by Miranda Paul (Grades 1-4)



What happens when one littered bag becomes ten and then hundreds? Find out in this empowering book about how one woman used recycling to inspire change in her community. [Request it from the Wellesley Free Library!](#)

Do you use carline? Download our [free name placard](#) and take the anti-idling pledge!

Have something to contribute? Please e-mail it to our newsletter coordinator, [Kelly Caiazza](#).



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