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Wellesley Green Schools February 26th, 2018 Newsletter
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Wellesley Green Schools Summit a Success!



We had a fantastic turn-out at the Wellesley Green School Summit, and want to thank all the teachers, administrators, school and town staff, and parents who attended! [Download a PDF summary of the meeting](#).

Green Kids' Activity! 2018 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Department of Conservation and Recreation Announces the 2018 Arbor Day Poster Contest

This year's theme, "My Community, My Trees" is designed to highlight the importance of trees within Massachusetts' communities and diverse landscapes throughout the state. Additionally, the Arbor Day Poster Contest combines both art and science in an effort to instill the vital role trees have on the public's daily lives.

The DCR Urban and Community Forestry Program, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, sponsors the annual contest for fifth graders across the Commonwealth. Posters must be submitted by March 15, 2018, and the contest is open to all students currently enrolled in the fifth grade. [An Arbor Day Poster Contest Guide](#)  [links to PDF file](#) is available on the DCR website or can be obtained by contacting Mollie Freilicher, [413-577-2966](tel:413-577-2966) or mollie.freilicher@state.ma.us.

Green Book Recommendation - Animals of a Bygone Era



Have you heard of the haikouichthys, titanoboa, or giant pacarana? If not, it's probably because they're animals that are extinct. The haikouichthys was one of the first fish on our planet that lived in China more than 500 million years ago. The titanoboa was the biggest snake that ever lived, in Colombia, about 60 million years ago. The giant pacarana was a rodent the size of a cow that lived

in Uruguay about 3 million years ago. If you find these facts absorbing, you can learn about animals like these and others through simple text and amazing black and white sketches in Maja Säfström's *Animals of a Bygone Era: An Illustrated Compendium*. Also worth checking out is *The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts* by the same author-illustrator. Both remind readers of the wondrous creatures we've shared, and continue to share, the Earth with.

Thanks to Robin Wechsler for the book rec and write up!

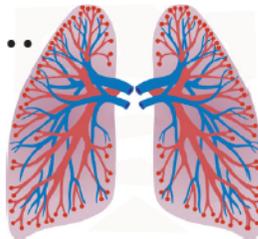
RECIPE: Tofu curious? Try this family friendly Peanut Sauced Tofu from happyhealthylife.com! Animal agriculture emits more greenhouse gasses than transportation.

TURN THE KEY - BE IDLE FREE!

Thank you for not idling in car line while you wait for dismissal! You can keep our kids healthier by turning the key and being idle free. With the weather getting warmer it's even easier to shut off your engine.

CHILDREN...

- have still developing respiratory systems



- breathe **50% more air** per pound of body weight than adults
- are closer to exhaust tailpipes

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