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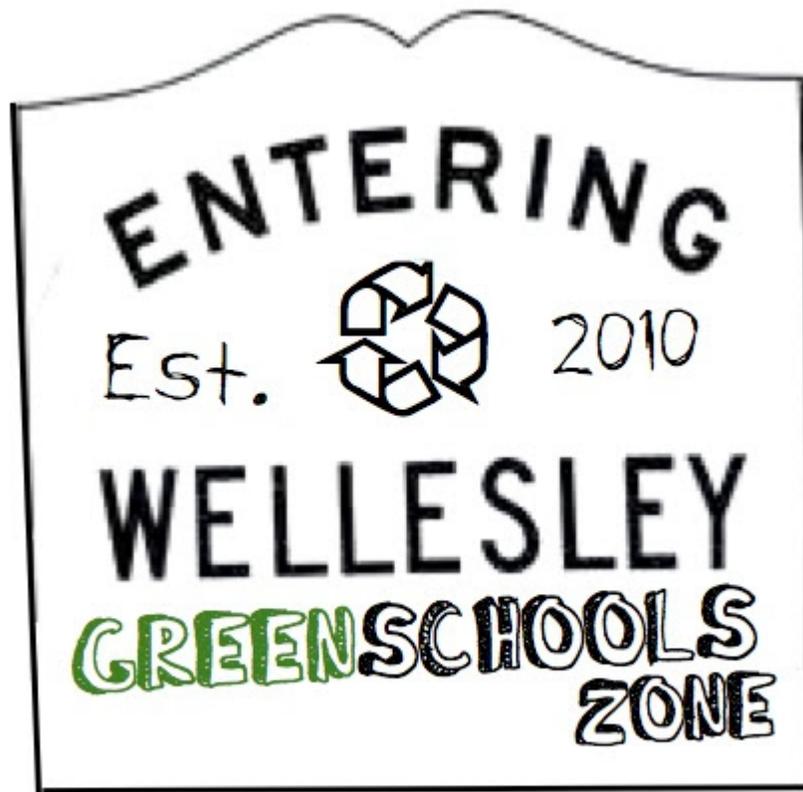


Wellesley Green Schools June 2018 Newsletter

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**Happy Father's Day, and welcome to the end of the school year!**

Our final Green Schools Newsletter of the year has a great video highlight, and a summary from our final meeting/celebration. Thanks for a great year, we hope you have a great GREEN summer and will see you all this fall!



Two Wellesley High School Students made this great video about Wellesley Green Schools! We showed it at our year-end meeting. Pass it on!

## Year-End Wellesley Green Schools Celebration Recap from Phyllis Theermann!

We know its a busy time of year but we wanted to thank everyone and just have some fun. We cheered our many accomplishments...

- letter from school committee about gas leaks near schools - we will follow up TBD
- green weeks
- no idling events
- 4 awards in town
- waste reduction efforts - [be sure to schedule the FREE](#) outdoor water dispenser water for your big events as Schofield did - ie Fisk Round Up, Bates Pumpkin Fair, Hunnewell Fun Fair, etc...
- food recovery
- supporting HHU net zero - high performing school recommendations
- possible green locker clean outs
- Senior projects
- green classroom certification
- WMS
- Banquet in a box -
- transportation discussions
- fabulous newsletter by Kelly - THANK YOU!!
- Green Schools Summit
- Change is simple - is it happening at Sprague?

Then we discussed what is next:

- Meet with the new Ast. Superintendent this summer about transportation and zero waste efforts in town - Phyllis & ?
- [Reserve the h20 for your events](#) - **All green teams** - as well as for graduations, football games, July Jubilation, Wellesley Wonderful Weekend festival and parade.
- We are **looking for 1-2 people to volunteer** to go to each of the central council meetings so we know what is happening around town, we communicate what we are doing and to build a stronger bridge between the 2 organizations. The dates and locations are listed below. Please email Phyllis if you will do this. Thanks!

- Sept 5 at WHS facility lounge,
- oct 3 at Fiske library,
- nov 7 Sprague Cafe,
- Jan 9 Schofield library,
- Feb 6 Wellesley Free Library,
- March 6 Upham in art room?,
- April 3 TBD location,
- May 1 Bates Cafe,
- June 5 TBD location
- Kelly and Phyllis are part of the [STEM EXPO Sustainability Challenge team](#) - email us if you want to **be part of this team**. Job includes creating an intriguing proposition -- challenge- that relates to environmental sustainability (WGS efforts) that we offer to all Wellesley students. It entails a bit of creativity to come up with idea, a little marketing to get word out and a bit of coordination with Wellesley Education Fund (folks who organize the fabulous STEM EXPO). Reviewing the entries and deciding on ways to share the ideas students came up, perhaps "winners" is also part of the job. Its an inspiring, fun, tangible job. Event happens April 6, 2019 so you get the Spring off ;-)
- Like the [Wellesley Green Schools Facebook page](#) - and please share it around today :- ) - **anyone want to own this. Fun job!!**
- [Update WGS website](#) - anyone **game to help ??** content organization, etc.
- WEF Grant for Change Is Simple in elementary schools - **Anyone a GRANT WRITER or know one?**
- Do a get together/fundraiser at Shoppers Corner in Sept or Oct. encourage - **Amanda** to help with this
- Do School SWAG swaps like Dana Hall does

Goals for next year:

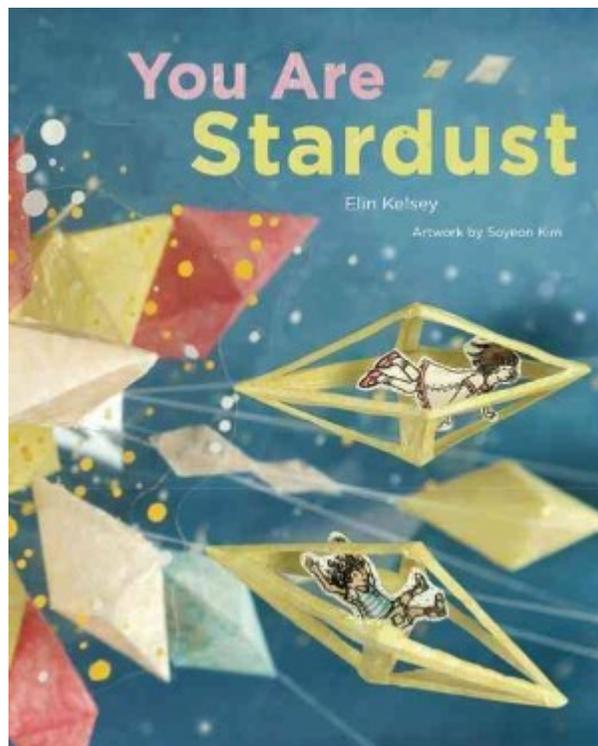
- ZERO waste- push past our waste reduction efforts to next level- banquet in a box, event props, disposable water bottle ban, portable H2O containers, **Simplify Your Life is the theme**
- tighter relations with PTO teams to bring them on board more and general growing of our team members and board members. **Interested in board position?** Email Phyllis.

- Engage at WMS- perhaps its with a team to ensure there is a green locker clean out, work with WMS community service team on other projects? Team includes Amanda, Regina, Michelle F, Robin, Jeanne, others??

THANK YOU ALL. What a gift to work with you, have fun, and build friendships along the way.

If I missed something or you have ideas for next year, PLEASE send them this way!

### Green Book Recommendation - You Are Stardust by Elin Kelsey



"You are stardust," is how Elin Kelsey's informative, paper-cut pictured *You Are Stardust*, illustrated by Soyeon Kim, begins. From the starting point that every atom in your body comes from an exploded star, the lyrical text and whimsical pictures introduce to readers the notion that we're all connected to each other and the natural world—in ways you may not realize. You came from a salty womb like fish live in a salty ocean. Your drinking water once filled puddles that dinosaurs drank. You grow like the plants in your garden. The book is sure to spark conversation and imagination.

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

## In Case You Missed It! SAFER SUNSCREENS



Oxybenzone is an ingredient in many sunscreens, but not only is it an endocrine disruptor, it's also damaging to coral reefs. It's such a hazard to our oceans that Hawaii is considering banning the use of oxybenzone sunscreens. Read a NY Times article about it [here](#). Look for alternatives that are labeled "reef safe" – they'll be safer for you, too. The Environmental Working Group's SkinDeep database is an excellent resource for evaluating the safety of sunscreens and their efficacy. Their [top kids' sunscreen list](#) includes a UVA/UVB balance rating as well as ranking the health concerns associated with ingredients

### Green Recipe: [Mint Lime Popsicles!](#)

Cool off this summer with homemade popsicles! You can reduce your plastic packaging consumption by making some of summer's simple pleasures yourself at home. It's a great kid-friendly activity, and fun, too!

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