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Wellesley Green Schools November 20th, 2017 Newsletter
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November 7th Meeting Recap

Wellesley Green Schools met on November 7th.

Agenda items included:

- **GAS LEAKS:** The Natural Resources Commission discussed several known gas leaks near our schools. Volunteers will bring location information to the School Committee and encourage the School Committee to reach out to National Grid asking them to comply with a law stating gas leaks within 100 feet of schools need to be prioritized for repair. For more info on gas leaks in Wellesley, visit <https://www.wellesleyma.gov/449/Gas-Leaks>
- **SHARE TABLES:** The Health Department has approved the use of Share Tables at Fiske, Sprague and Bates where unopened food can be donated to the food pantry. We'll need volunteers to collect food from all three schools on a Friday and drop it off, rotating with other volunteers. (Contact info@wellesleygreenschools.com if interested in volunteering.)
- **CLAMSHELLS:** WSG is approaching remaining PTOs to seek funding to replace all disposable clamshells at Elementary schools with the reusable clamshells from Preserve.
- **ANTI-IDLING:** How to get the word out to parents about the air-quality and environmental impact of idling in carlines.
- **LESS WASTE AT SCHOOL EVENTS:** Building a "Banquet in a Box" supply stash of reusables for school and sporting events to encourage less waste at events.

Walk to School!



Upcoming Walk to School Dates:

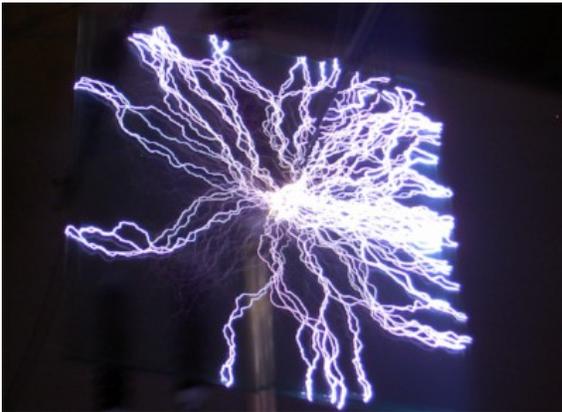
December 6th: Bates, Fiske, Hunnewell

December 8th: Sprague

December 15th: Hardy

Missing a date? [E-mail us](#) and let us know!

Green Activity! Raise Energy Literate Kids - Talk Electricity



Maybe you've been to the really cool lightning show at the Museum of Science, but have you talked to your kids about the electricity you use at home? See if they can brainstorm ways you use electricity. Do you use it to heat your home or power your car? What other types of energy do you use? Show older kids your electric bill and ask them to predict what times of year it's higher. Discuss ways to conserve energy.

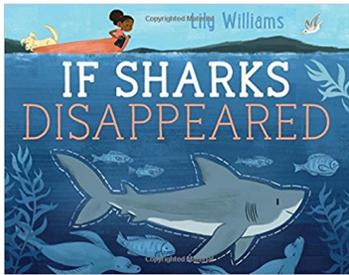


Conversation Starter! Wondering how much energy it takes to run your appliances right here in Wellesley? Find out on the town website [here](#).

You need to understand energy before you can understand renewable energy! Get your kids started with these [Energy Literacy videos](#) from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Green Book Recommendation: *If Sharks Disappeared* by Lily Williams (Ages 4-8)

Oceans today are full of marine life, including sharks. Sharks may seem scary but what would



happen *If Sharks Disappeared*? In this book, Lily Williams explores what would happen if we lost sharks after living on Earth for 450 million years due to overfishing. The unnamed main character shows how one problem would lead to another—on land too. At the end of the book, Williams shares how children can help save sharks, and in turn, our planet.

Download Sustainable Wellesley's Holiday Gift Guide - Reusables are Gifts that Keeps on Giving!

Reduce a loved one's reliance on single-use disposables this year by choosing a gift from Sustainable Wellesley's holiday gift guide!



Holiday Gift Guide

The PDF Guide includes instructions from the Japanese Ministry of the Environment on how to tie Furoshiki, reusable square cloths that can be used to replace wrapping paper.



Reusables: Gifts that Keep on Giving!

Reduce a loved-one's reliance on single-use disposables this year with Sustainable Wellesley's Reusability Focused Gift Guide!

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Not up for buying or making the square cloths? Consider choosing recyclable wrapping paper (no foil) and reusable gift bags and buying fewer gifts and more experiences.

More on [Holiday Waste Prevention](#) from Stanford University.

RECIPE: Looking for a fast and filling soup after a busy Thanksgiving week? Try this plant-based [white bean and rosemary soup](#) with homemade croutons.

Have Green Photos or News to Share? [E-mail it to Kelly Caiazzo](#) with permission to share photos by November 30th for inclusion in our Monday, December 4th newsletter.



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