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Congratulations to our winning schools! This fall, Douglass Elementary, Lafayette Elementary & University Hill Elementary were each awarded an Eco-Cycle Green Star Schools[®] grant.

This grant provides University Hill Elementary School with compostable cups and plates for the all-school classroom parties that will be held in each building during the 2015-2016 school year.

The compostable paper plates provided through this grant are made from recycled paper fibers. They do not have a plastic coating. ***Plastic-coated paper products must be kept out of the compost stream since plastic does not biodegrade.*** The compostable cups are made with Nature Works PLA polymer, a renewable and biodegradable resource from corn. The cups are marked with a green stripe so students know they are made from corn and not petroleum-based plastic.

Lafayette Elementary School qualified for an alternative grant because they have gone the extra mile by educating and providing incentives to students and staff through their Green Team by monitoring in the lunchroom and maintaining their lending cupboard with durables for all-school events.

Douglass Elementary School qualified for an alternative grant for their continued support of the Green Star Schools program, recycling hard to recycle materials at the Eco-Cycle's Center for Hard to Recycle Materials and educating their community on the many ways they can reduce, reuse and recycle resources.

Ten different Green Star Schools applied for the Green Star Schools Grant. Congratulations to these three schools for receiving the grant and on their continued efforts to reduce waste, keeping a significant amount of material out of the landfill!

Sincerely,

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