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GREEN STAR SCHOOLS NEWS

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Green Star Schools recognized at 1st Annual *Boulderganic* Awards

Congratulations to our first four Green Star Schools, BCSIS, Douglass and High Peaks Elementaries, and Horizons K-8, who received the sustainability award for their five years of participation in Green Star Schools! [Check out the Spring 2011 *Boulderganic* edition to learn more.](#)

What's happening in the schools?

Community Montessori

As reported in the [Daily Camera](#), Community Montessori is trying a different approach by serving their preschool and kindergarten students a family style buffet lunch. They also have 30 minutes to eat instead of twenty. Principal Marlene Skovsted has noticed that students are eating more and not feeling as rushed to finish lunch, producing less food waste.

Eisenhower Elementary

Brownies at Eisenhower Elementary have been collecting and recycling plastic bags for three years at the Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials. Keep up the great work!

Columbine Elementary

One of the paraprofessionals at Columbine Elementary reuses the plastic covers on old planners and notebooks, transforming them into sturdy stencils for students to practice their letters and shapes. These last much longer than paperboard stencils.

BCSIS

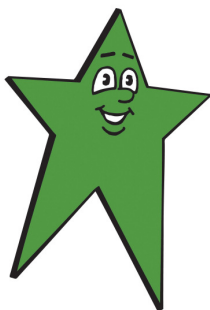
BCSIS conducted a successful durable utensils drive for their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser this year. Parents wash these utensils, reducing waste and lowering costs for the fundraiser.

Lafayette Elementary

Parents are donating durable utensils to Lafayette Elementary's cafeteria to replace lost utensils

Recycling & Composting Tips of the Season!

- Collect unused school supplies that students don't take home at the end of the school year for use in 2011-12.
- Don't forget to empty and clean out your compost buckets at the end of the school year.



Submit information for next semester's newsletter to:
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