

“2013-2014 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR”



Bridgewater Middle School is a seventh and eighth grade level school with approx. 600 students. Last year the school began its student run recycling program hoping to recycle paper products throughout the school building. With a grant of classroom bins and copy room barrels from the Massachusetts Green Team program, we were able to recycle approx. 4 dumpster loads of paper in the initial year. Now in our second year, Bridgewater Middle is recycling approx. one dumpster of recycled paper every three weeks. This large increase in output is due to increased teacher and administrative involvement and a general positive atmosphere throughout the school.

Parents organizations have been notified to get the word out on our program and many of the parents are now recycling their home paper products in our dumpster. Having such a successful year, the school administration has requested that we expand our program. Next year we will be requesting additional bins for plastic recycling and we are now looking into a possible clothing and shoe component as well. Future plans are to develop an environmental club for the school. This will incorporate not only our recycling program but will add an educational component and hopefully a school beautification program as well

Due to distance and demands of the closing school year, Bridgewater Middle School was unable to attend the conference.

We are pleased to be awarding Bridgewater Middle School with the “2013-2014 Rookie of the Year” Award.