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RECYCLING – we all do it. But do we ever stop to really think about the materials that we sort into bins and put on the curb?

With our RECYCLE CREATIVITY LAB – a partnership between the Cambridge Art Association (CAA), Cambridge Creativity Commons (CCC), and the Gately Youth Center (North Cambridge), we aim to take a new approach to reuse. Working with students in Gately's after school program, artists from the Cambridge community will create one-of-a-kind pieces of art ... all out of trash.

The goal of RECYCLE is to extend CAA's connection with our community, through a multifaceted approach. Over the course of 8 weeks, we will expand on arts education opportunities in Cambridge Public Schools by offering after school workshops designed to educate students on the reuse and repurposing materials, environmental impact, and engagement with working artists through hands on workshops. Leaders of these workshops include artists Melissa Glick and Lorraine Sullivan, as well as CCC Director Kyle Browne. These workshops will culminate in an exhibition of student work in April 2014 at CAA's University Place Gallery (124 Mt Auburn Street, Cambridge), underscoring the importance of recognition of artistic accomplishment for artists of all ages.

As part of the after school program, students from Gately Youth Center will take a field trip to Danehy Park, site of the old Cambridge dump – now transformed into gorgeous parkland, with several site specific art installations made from repurposed materials. This tour will – tentatively – be led by an artist with work in the park.

This program ties into CAA's mission to "foster an interest in the Fine Arts and Crafts in the community, and to provide a place for appropriate activities and events designed to promote fellowship among the members."

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