



# School Recycling CLUB

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## School News You Can Use!!!

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### Congratulations to Our 2011 Award Winners!

Check out pictures at <http://www.nrra.net/conference/school-award-winners/>



New Boston School, New Boston, NH ~  
School Recycler of the Year

Jean Roalsvig, West Running Brook School, Derry ~  
Volunteer Recycler of the Year

World Academy, Nashua, NH ~  
Best 2010 Earth Day Event

The Dorset School of Vermont, Dorset, VT ~  
Outstanding Recycling Fundraiser

Michael Lewis, Fall Mountain Regional School District ~  
2011 Facilities Staff Recycler

Patte Sarausky, Belmont Elementary School, Belmont, NH ~  
Teacher Recycler of the Year

Sacred Heart School, Hampton, NH ~  
Rookie Recycler of the Year

K.A. Brett School, Tamworth, NH ~  
Best Composter

Plymouth Elementary School & Plymouth Recycling Center, Plymouth, NH ~  
Outstanding Community Involvement

Jenny Zhang and Michele Nunnelley, Salem High School, Salem NH ~  
Student Recyclers of the Year

### **Time to Plan Your Recycling KICKOFF!**

Start your school year off on the right foot with a BIG focus on recycling.

- *Start and/or continue your Recycling CLUB!* – Make sure to plan some fun tasks for your recycling club to help kickoff your year. Your first mission should be making signage for EVERY recycling bin in the school. While it seems like a big task – it can be done very easily. Here are some ideas:
  - *Design it on the computer, print it on "reused" paper and staple sample recyclable items to it.*
  - *Enlist the help of an art class to create signs using ALL recyclable items.*
  - *Make one sign and have it colored copied.*
- *Utilize recycling monitors* – Whether it's students, teachers, facilities staff or a parent volunteer, make sure you start the year with a recycling monitor during all lunch periods. This person will help educate students and staff on what can be recycled/composted and what is just trash.
- Plan a school-wide waste audit. A waste audit is a way to see what your school's garbage is made up of so that you can make a plan for reducing, reusing and recycling. Believe it or not, students usually have fun with this messy job.



The results of a waste audit can help your school determine the best way to improve your waste reduction program. (As a bonus, you can use the data you collect for real-world math, computer and presentation lessons on weight, volume, graphs and charts.) Read more about it at <http://www.schoolrecycling.net/WasteAudit.htm>

### **Don't Forget America Recycles Day ~ November 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Think about America Recycles Day on November 15 and register to host and event at [www.americarecyclesday.org/](http://www.americarecyclesday.org/) . Here are some ideas:

- Host a recycled clothing contest & fashion show that inspires students to make clothing from recyclables.
- Plan a earth friendly spirit week
- Host a clothing swap for students who can swap clothing they've grown out of



Make sure to send up pictures of your back to school recycling events, so we can feature them in the next School News You Can Use.

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### **Save the Date!**

Mark your calendar for the next School Recycling Conference on

**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Radisson Hotel Manchester  
New Hampshire**

This year will be even better with INTERACTIVE workshops for students of all ages! Make sure to start fundraising now so nobody misses out on this great event!

### **Remember to Make Recycling Easy!**

- Place your recycling bins next to trash bins. This makes recycling as easy as throwing something away!
- Make sure your trash cans and recycling bins are different! This will make it easy to differentiate between the two.
- Always, have signage over your recycling bins. Every couple of months, switch out the signs with fresh ones to keep people on their toes.

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### **NASA's Climate Kids Program Launches New Interactive Game!**

With frogs leaping and butterflies fluttering, kids will race to the Finish in the new "Leaps and Flutters" game at Climate Kids. Along the way, this game (modeled after Chutes and Ladders) will present opportunities to help the environment by such acts as recycling an aluminum can, or to not help the environment by, oh, say, leaving the refrigerator door open too long. Good deeds leap the player up a row or two, not-so-good deeds send the player a-fluttering back down. All the actions—helpful and not—are explained in the accompanying article. And why should we care about frogs and butterflies anyway? That, too, becomes clear. Check out [Leaps and Flutters](#) today!

Check out our great sites for kids:

<http://climate.nasa.gov/kids>

<http://scijinks.gov>

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov>

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### **Need help?**

We're here to help you with your recycling program. During the school year, we do site visits every week! Give us a call to schedule yours (603) 736-4401 ext. 17 or email [theclub@nrra.net](mailto:theclub@nrra.net).