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Milford Middle School Awarded Team Earth Bronze & Silver

EPSOM, NH - NRRRA's School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is pleased to announce that Milford Middle School of Milford, NH has achieved The CLUB's Team Earth Bronze and Silver Award levels. Milford students and staff earned 150 recycling activity points and consistently recycled at least three resources to earn both Bronze and Silver awards for their school.

The school completed a variety of recycling activities in the Team Earth Manual to earn points. Those activities included:

- ✓ Mentioning recycling fun facts in morning announcements,
- ✓ Maintaining a recycling page on the school's website,
- ✓ Repurposing jars and cans for storing supplies,
- ✓ Reusing materials for art projects,
- ✓ Hosting two Trash On the Lawn Day (T.O.L.D.) events,
- ✓ Maintaining two recycling bulletin boards,
- ✓ Starting a composting program,
- ✓ Supporting the Milford School District's Recycling Policy, and
- ✓ Hosting an annual Green Week full of recycling artists, performers and activities.

Milford MS staff and students are consistently recycling plastic and aluminum containers, assorted paper and cardboard, clothing and books, and have started a composting program. The Milford Recycling Club also holds a number of fundraising collections each year.

Team Earth is a program supported in part by NH the Beautiful and developed to recognize CLUB members (and offer awards) for the great work they are doing in the world of school recycling. The Team Earth Awards have three levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The level of award is directly dependent on how proactive a school's recycling club is with regard to how many items it recycles, how actively it promotes its program, educating people on the importance of recycling, etc. For each recycling activity a club undertakes it receives Team Earth points. It is through these points that a school can reach for the Gold and receive the highest level of school recycling recognition awarded. For more information, visit The CLUB's [Team Earth](#) page.

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**PHOTO 1: Milford Middle School's Green Week Display (MMS Courtesy photo).**



**PHOTO 2: Milford Middle School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade band performs for Green Week (MMS Courtesy photo).**

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The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRR and NH the Beautiful. For students and teachers in grades K-12, The CLUB serves as a centralized

organization to become more active in the world of recycling. The CLUB is a fun and innovative way to give kids encouragement, direction and networking possibilities for school recycling programs. For more information, visit [www.schoolrecycling.net](http://www.schoolrecycling.net).

**The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA)** is a proactive, non-profit organization that has worked for over 36 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information, visit [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net).

**New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. (NHtB)** has been a longtime supporter of NRRRA's School Recycling CLUB and environmental education in New Hampshire. NHtB is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983 and supported by the soft drink, malt beverage and grocery industries of New Hampshire. NHtB offers municipal recycling grants, recycling education grants (over \$2.5 million), recycling signs, anti-litter programs and technical assistance. NHtB is a unique organization that represents a voluntarily-funded alternative to expensive legislation intended to achieve the same end results. For more information, visit [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org)