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## Hampstead Central Third-Graders Host Waste Audit

Hampstead, NH –Hampstead Central School hosted four Garbage Guerrillas Workshops for 92 enthusiastic third-graders on May 10. The workshops were conducted by Northeast Resource Recovery Association’s (NRRRA) School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) which provides recycling education and outreach to K-12 schools.

Garbage Guerillas is a workshop designed to raise awareness of recycling possibilities by examining the current waste stream. After a brief presentation, CLUB Educators Gwen Erley, Sarah McGraw and Jake Pipp coached the students on the importance of recycling and how they can each help in the process. They reviewed the types of recycling and how to identify and sort out recyclables and compostables from actual trash. Armed with gloves, the students sorted the bags of typical school waste from the day before. At the end of each presentation, the students had a visual record of how much material could have been recycled from the prior days waste.

Special thanks to Hampstead Central School Principal Dillard Collins and Head Custodian Santos Diaz for their support. Generous funding from the Hampstead Recycling Committee and New Hampshire the Beautiful made this event possible.

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**The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB)** is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRRRA 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 NH. 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/).

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**NRRA Educator Sarah McGraw (left) instructs Hampstead Central third-graders about how to identify trash from recycling. (NRRA photo)**



**NRRA Educator Jake Pipp explains the role of monitors and sorters. (NRRA photo)**



**Hampstead Central student monitors help other students with the sort. (NRRA photo)**



**Hampstead Central waste sort in action. (NRRA photo)**