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## **IT'S BACK TO THE EARTH FOR ALLENSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Allenstown, NH** – The third-graders at Allenstown Elementary School took a big step closer to implementing a school-wide composting program by hosting two Back to the Earth Workshops through NRRRA's School Recycling CLUB. Thanks to a generous grant from New Hampshire the Beautiful, these workshops were offered at a much reduced fee.

Back to the Earth examines how composting can reduce what goes to the landfill and produce beneficial organic waste for gardens, lawns and landscaping. NRRRA Educator, Cindy Sterling, reviewed factors such as what can and cannot be composted, how big the pile should be, what is the correct ratio of brown to green materials, compost critters and how long the process will take.

Thanks to a generous contribution from Lowe's, Allenstown Elementary will be receiving a three-stall composting unit to celebrate Earth Week. The Workshops were designed to prepare and train students and staff on what to expect and how composting can be accomplished.

In addition to the workshops, a STAR Assessment was done of the entire school. The STAR is NRRRA's proprietary school recycling inventory and review which identifies the five key areas of recycling. The report produced from this data offers clear, unbiased suggestions for future improvements as well as a baseline for examination of the positive effects of change.

Special thanks to Teacher Kimberlie Berrigan, Facilities Manager Joe Dyrkacz and Principal Anthony Blinn for helping to make these workshops a success.

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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 <http://www.schoolrecycling.net/>.

**The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA)** is a proactive, non-profit organization that has worked for over 30 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 the NRRRA School 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. <http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/>