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Barnard Academy Students Learn About Clean Water and Recycling

Barnard, VT – As part of their Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), White River Solid Waste Alliance funded four NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) workshops and two technical assistance trainings for Barnard Academy. The Alliance's goal is to assist schools in their region to become compliant with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, Act 148.

On October 25 & 26, NRRRA's School CLUB Educator, Charen Fegard, presented workshops on: **Recycling & Composting in Your Town** to K-2 students; **Healthy Home/Clean Waters** to 5-6 graders, **Back to the Earth** (Composting) for 3-4 graders, and **Waste=Global Climate Change** to 5-6 graders.

The first technical training, a **STAR Assessment**, was done on the entire school on October 25. 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.

Ms. Fegard conducted the second technical training, **Indoor Air Quality and Green Cleaning**, for the custodial staff on October 26. This training consisted of a comprehensive inventory and analysis of cleaning products used in the school.

Special thanks to Barnard Academy Principal Anne Koop, teachers and staff, and especially Custodian Cazimir Rozonewski and Teacher Britney Koetsier, for making this event successful.

The White River Solid Waste Alliance represents the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester, Royalton & Stockbridge, VT. As a Member of NRRRA, all schools within the Alliance are eligible for free membership in NRRRA's School Recycling CLUB and receive discounted programming.

The School Recycling Club (The CLUB) is an NRRRA outreach and education program for all schools in New England and beyond. 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.

The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) is a proactive, non-profit organization that has worked for 35 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit www.nrra.net.