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## Hampstead Central School Trains Students in Recycling

Hampstead, NH –Hampstead Central School hosted four Garbage Guerillas Workshops for approximately 100 third-graders on May 4.

Garbage Guerillas is a workshop designed to raise awareness of recycling possibilities by examining the current waste stream. After a brief presentation, School CLUB Educators Cindy Sterling, Ellen Cabral and Gwen Erley 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 sort out compostables from actual trash. Armed with gloves, the students sorted the bags of typical school waste. At the end of each presentation, the students had a visual record of how much material could have been recycled.

Special thanks to the Hampstead Central School staff, Mr. Diaz and Principal Dillard. Generous funding from the Hampstead Recycling Committee and New Hampshire the Beautiful made this event possible.

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**Photo 1: After a brief presentation by Ellen Cabral, Hampstead Central students prepare to move outside to sort some trash (NRRRA courtesy photo).**



PHOTO 2: Outfitted with signs and bags, student monitors assisted the other students at Hampstead Central School with a Garbage Guerrillas waste sort (NRRRA courtesy photo).



PHOTO 3: The windy conditions did not deter the students from the fun of sorting (and sometimes chasing) the trash (NRRRA 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 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 30 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit [www.nrrra.net](http://www.nrrra.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/>