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Milford MS Hosts TOLD Event

Milford, NH –Milford Middle School hosted a Trash On the Lawn Day (T.O.L.D.) event on October 27. Gwen Erley, Jake Pipp, Lindsay Dow and Ryan Stewart, from NRRRA's School Recycling CLUB, trained approximately 200 sixth grade students how to identify and pull recyclables from a typical day's worth of school trash. Members of Milford's student Recycling Club were instrumental in engaging each group with a recycling song, helping to supervise the student sorters and asking recycling trivia questions.

Each group of students was given several bags of trash which were then weighed, sorted, then weighed again and recorded. When sorting was completed the school received high marks for doing a good job with their current recycling program which includes special collections for markers, juice pouches and dental supplies which help fund the school's programs. The students asked lots of questions and learned that diverting recyclables, and especially compostables, saves energy, the environment and landfill space.

Art Teacher /Recycling Club Coordinator, Diane Varney-Parker, spearheaded this event, which was funded in part by a grant from New Hampshire the Beautiful and the Bob Foster Foundation, which supports many Milford Middle School activities. Special thanks to Lead Custodian, Christine Marquis, and her team, who were especially helpful with logistics, set up and clean up. Thanks also to Principal Anthony DeMarco for supporting this event.

The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA). 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 over 30 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit 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. For more information visit: www.nhthebeautiful.org.

The Bob Foster Foundation The mission of the Bob Foster Foundation is to help our community remember our teacher, veteran, and friend, Bob Foster, and his contribution to our children’s lives. This charity organization will annually donate scholarships to graduating Milford High School students who exemplify the "Don't Quit" attitude. Contributions are also made to Milford Middle School activities.



PHOTO 1: Milford MS students are quizzed on how to identify recyclables from trash. (NRRRA Photo)



PHOTO 2: Getting down and dirty as the sort progresses. (NRRRA Photo)



PHOTO 3: Categories of trash and recyclables are weighed and recorded. (NRRA Photo)



PHOTO 4: Milford MS Recycling Team engage students with recycling trivia questions. (NRRA Photo)