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PRESS RELEASE

Millers Run School Hosts TOLD Event

Sheffield, VT –Millers Run School hosted a Trash On the Lawn Day (T.O.L.D.) on May 1. In a series of group presentations, approximately 150 K-8 students were trained in how to identify recyclables that can be diverted from the waste stream.

The school currently has a recycling program and onsite composting of cafeteria kitchen prep and post plate food scraps, the responsibility of the eighth grade class. Two students monitor and direct students as they scrape off their trays after lunch. The scraps are then used to enhance the school garden. This event, funded through a grant to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, served to educate the school on how to maintain compliance with Vermont’s Act 148 – Universal Recycling.

Using two days of school trash (excluding medical and bathroom waste, and cafeteria bags that were mostly milk cartons and single use wrappers and containers), NRRA School CLUB Instructor Charen Fegard assisted each group in sorting the remaining trash into categories, weighing each bag to generate measurements of volume, weight and percentage.

During the sorting process, Ms. Fegard held interactive discussions to explain ways to improve the waste diversion program and increase participation. Special guest Marcus Berry, Outreach Coordinator for the Northeast Kingdom WMD, assisted with the presentation and monitored the sorting process. Topics ranged from composting, global climate change and habits at home, to burning trash.

Special thanks to Miller Run Educator Patrick Ham, who was instrumental in planning and organizing the event, and to Principal Sikander Rashid who was very supportive.

The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) and New Hampshire 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.

The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) 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.nrta.net.



PHOTO 1&2: Students of Millers Run School pause for a picture during their Trash On the Lawn Day.



PHOTO 2: All of these recyclables (except for far right) came out of two days of school trash.