



PRESS RELEASE

WRSW Alliance Provides Recycling Education to Bethel Elementary

Bethel, 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 Bethel Elementary/Whitcomb High School. The Alliance's goal is to assist schools in their region to become compliant with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, Act 148.

NRRRA's School CLUB Educator, Charen Fegard, presented workshops on: Healthy Home/Clean Waters, Waste=Global Climate Change, Back to the Earth (Composting), and Recycling & Composting in Your Town.

Third- and fourth-graders attended the workshops, held on January 5 & 6. Also on January 6, Ms. Fegard conducted a training on Indoor Air Quality and Green Cleaning for the custodial staff. In addition, a STAR Assessment was done on 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 the Bethel Elementary/Whitcomb H.S. teachers and staff, and especially Facilities Manager John Hubble and Principal Owen Bradley, 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.

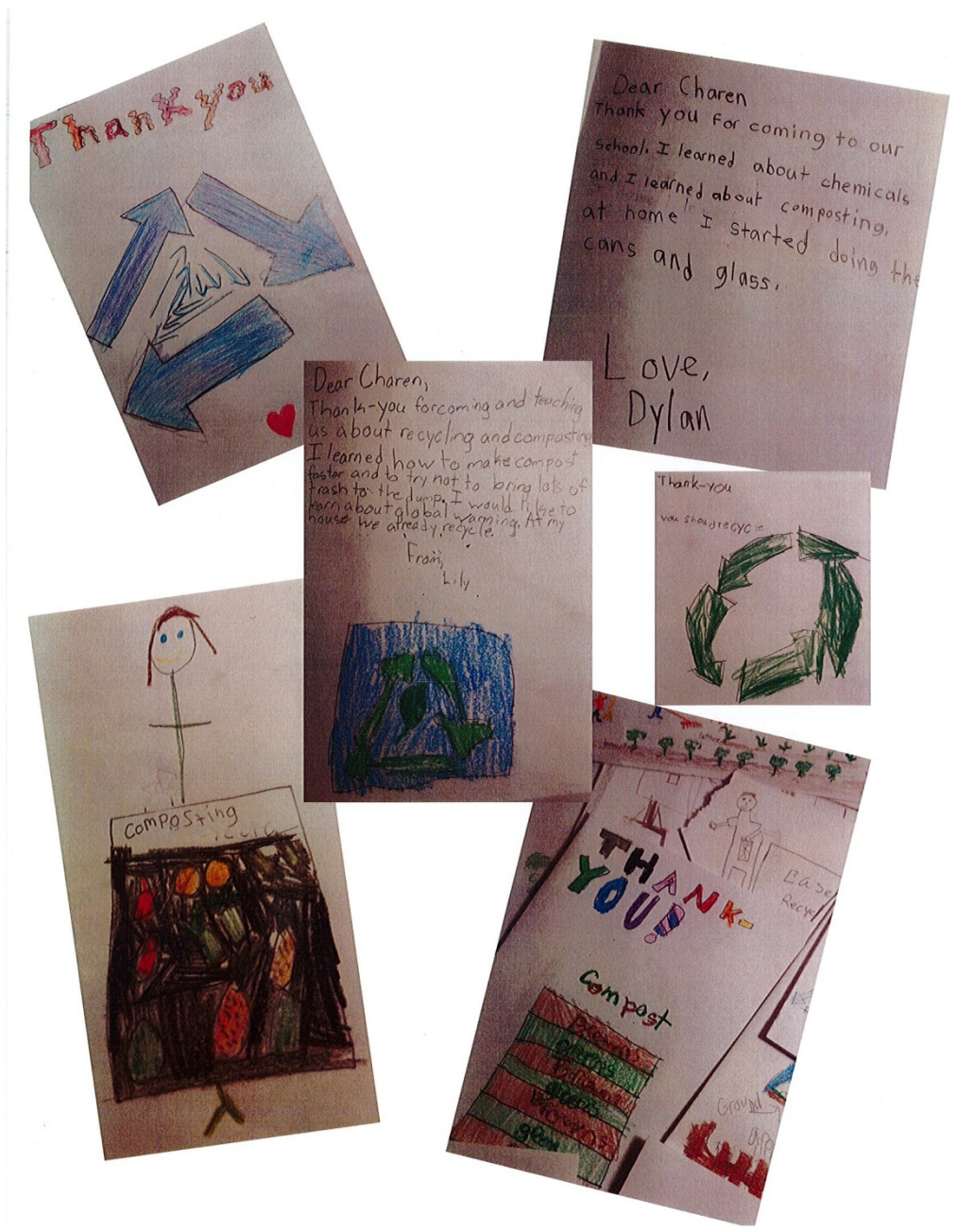


PHOTO 1: Thank you notes from Bethel Elementary Students

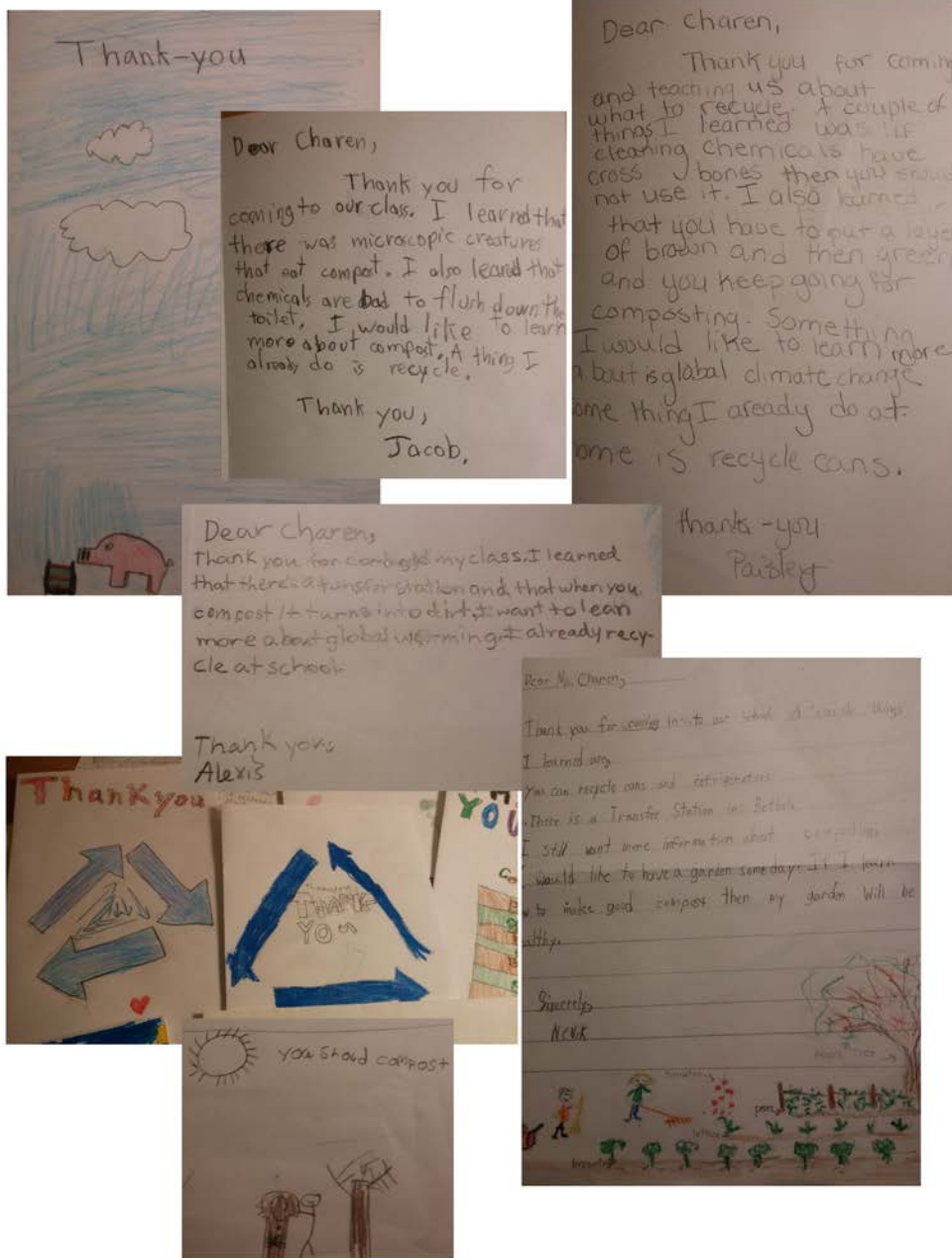


PHOTO 2: More Thank you notes from Bethel Elementary Students