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Stockbridge Central Students Celebrate Earth Month by Completing Recycling Series

Stockbridge, VT – Despite winter weather, the holidays in December, and scheduling challenges in the new year, Stockbridge Central School recently completed a series of recycling workshops and technical assistance trainings provided by their Solid Waste Alliance.

As part of their Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), White River Solid Waste Alliance funded four NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) workshops and two technical assistance trainings for all the schools within their Alliance. The Alliance’s goal is to assist their schools in becoming compliant with Vermont’s Universal Recycling Law, Act 148.

On December 6, 2016, NRRA’s School CLUB Educator, Charen Fegard, presented workshops on **Recycling & Composting in Your Town** to K-2 students, and **Waste=Global Climate Change** to 3-6 graders. It was a very busy day as Ms. Fegard also completed two technical trainings with the custodial staff.

The first technical training, a **STAR Assessment**, was done on the entire school. The STAR is NRRA’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. Charen was pleased to report that the school has reduced its trash volume by eliminating white milk cartons from the waste stream, choosing instead to use one gallon milk jugs that are recycled.

Ms. Fegard conducted the second technical training, **Indoor Air Quality and Green Cleaning**, with the custodial staff. This training consisted of a comprehensive inventory and analysis of cleaning products used in the school. Overall, she found that the school is doing very well with their green cleaning.

Charen returned to SCS on April 13, 2017 to complete the final two workshops. **Healthy Home/Clean Waters** and **Back to the Earth** (Composting) were well received by the students in the after-school program.

Special thanks to Stockbridge Central Principal, Dr. Barbara Woods, teachers and staff, and especially Head Custodian Mr. Frances Brown, for making this series successful and productive.

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 over 35 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit www.nrra.net.



Stockbridge Central School Staff & Students (Courtesy photo from SCS Website)



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