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6th Graders Learn Recycling Rules at Milford Middle School

Milford, NH – Milford Middle School 6th graders enjoyed great fall weather as they conducted a school waste audit, known as Trash On the Lawn Day (T.O.L.D.), on October 27. Gwen Erley and Sarah McGraw, from NRRRA's School Recycling CLUB, trained 173 students how to identify and pull recyclables from a sampling of typical school trash. The Milford MS Recycling Club students assisted throughout the day, quizzing groups of students with trivia questions while their classmates took turns sorting.

Each group of students was given several bags of trash which were then weighed, sorted, then weighed again. When sorting was completed the students had a visual record of how much waste could have been diverted from the landfill. Milford MS has a comprehensive recycling and food waste program in place and conducts special collections for Terracycle and Crayola. While there was not a lot of waste, the students still saw opportunities for better recycling. The students asked lots of questions and learned that diverting recyclables and reducing food waste, saves energy, natural resources and landfill space.

Many thanks to MMS Teacher Diane Varney-Parker who heads up the MMS Recycling Club and who organized this event, which was funded in part by a grant from New Hampshire the Beautiful. She set up the schedule, organized the classes and supervised our very enthusiastic MMS Recycling Club student helpers throughout the day. Special thanks to Lead Custodian Doug Haggett and his staff, who were very helpful with logistics, set up and especially clean up. This event would not have been possible without the support and assistance of Principal Anthony DeMarco, who was instrumental in overseeing this all-day 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 NRRA 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 .



PHOTO 1: MMS students prepare to dig in to the trash (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 2: MMS student monitors special collections for Terracycle and Crayola (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 3: MMS students consider the environmental consequences of using non-recyclable plastic ware (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 4: MMS students carefully weigh and record recyclables sorted out of the trash (NRRA photo)