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Hampstead Central Third-Graders Learn Recycling Tips

Hampstead, NH –The blustery wind on April 18 did not discourage the students of Hampstead Central School from learning the basics of recycling. Armed with special recyclable gloves, approximately 100 enthusiastic third-graders participated in four Garbage Guerrillas workshops in celebration of the upcoming Earth Day. The workshops were conducted by Northeast Resource Recovery Association's (NRRRA) School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) which provides recycling education and outreach to K-12 schools. Members of the Hampstead Recycling & Solid Waste Committee were available to answer questions about Hampstead's policies and practices and assist with the sort.

Garbage Guerrillas is a workshop designed to raise awareness of recycling possibilities by examining the current waste stream. After a brief presentation on the growing waste problem and the shrinking number of available landfills, CLUB Educators Gwen Erley and Sarah McGraw coached the students on the importance of recycling and how they can each help in the process. They reviewed the types of recycling and how to identify and sort out recyclables and compostables from actual trash. Armed with RightCycle® gloves, the students sorted the bags of typical school waste saved from the day before. At the end of each presentation, the students had a visual record of how much material could have been recycled from the prior days waste. It was clear that the school is doing a very good job as a minimal number of recyclables were found in the trash.

Special thanks to Hampstead Central School Principal Dillard Collins and Head Custodian Santos Diaz for their support. Additional thanks to Ellen Cabral, Carol Cipriano and Reinhild Davis of the Hampstead Recycling & Solid Waste Committee for attending and contributing to the program. Generous funding from the Hampstead Recycling & Solid Waste Committee and New Hampshire the Beautiful made this event possible.

The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRRRA and NH 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 (NRRRA) is a proactive, non-profit organization that has worked for over 36 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 NRRRA's School Recycling 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: NRRA Educator Sarah McGraw (left) instructs Hampstead Central third-graders about how to identify trash from recycling. (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 2: Ellen Cabral of the Hampstead Recycling Committee collects special recyclable gloves from the students at the end of the workshop. (NRRA photo)