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Milford MS 6th Graders Learn Recycling Rules

Milford, NH – Milford Middle School 6th graders ended their week on a high note by going low to the tarps as they conducted a school waste audit, known as Trash On the Lawn Day (T.O.L.D.), on Friday, October 26. Gwen Erley and Sarah McGraw, from NRRRA’s School Recycling CLUB, trained 197 students how to identify and pull recyclables from a sampling of typical school trash. The Milford MS Recycling Club students assisted throughout the day, creating and conducting their own Recycling Jeopardy game while their classmates took turns sorting.

Each group of students was given several bags of trash which were 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 her 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 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 formed in 1981 that works 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 2: Milford MS Recycling Club students set up the weigh station for the waste audit. (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 1: Milford MS Recycling Club students prepare their Recycling Jeopardy game for Trash On the Lawn Day. (NRRA photo)

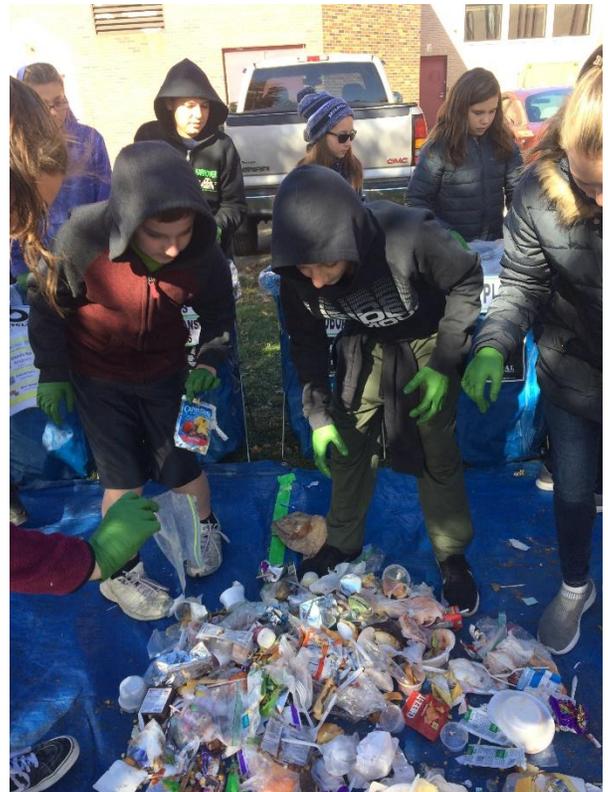


PHOTO 3: Armed with RightCycle gloves, Milford MS 6th graders pull recyclables out of the trash. (NRRA photo)