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Hampstead Central Hosts Recycling Workshops

Hampstead, NH – In celebration of Earth Month, the third-graders of Hampstead Central School learned the basics of recycling through a class waste audit. Armed with special recyclable gloves, 87 enthusiastic students participated in four Garbage Guerrillas workshops. The workshops were conducted by Northeast Resource Recovery Association's (NRRA) School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) which provides recycling education and outreach to K-12 schools. Members of the Hampstead Recycling & Solid Waste Committee lent a hand throughout the day, answering questions about Hampstead's recycling policies and practices.

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 Sarah McGraw and Julia Le May coached the students on the importance of recycling and how they can each help reduce their waste. 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. While the school is doing a very good job of recycling, the students noted that there was a lot of food waste and the school is in the process of setting up a food waste collection program for a local farm.

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 New Hampshire the Beautiful and the Hampstead Recycling & Solid Waste Committee made this event possible.

The School Recycling CLUB (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRRA 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 (NRRA) 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 NRRA'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 (far left) coaches the third-graders of Hampstead Central School through their waste audit. (NRRA photo)



PHOTO 2: As students don their RightCycle gloves, NRRA Educator Julia Le May (right) instructs Hampstead Central third-graders about how to identify trash from recycling. (NRRA photo)