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Barnard Academy Students Participate in Recycling Workshops

Barnard, VT –White River Solid Waste Alliance is continuing their school outreach efforts again this year. As part of their Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), they have engaged NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) to provide four workshops and two technical assistance trainings for Barnard Academy. The Alliance’s goal is to assist schools in their region to become compliant with Vermont’s Universal Recycling Law, Act 148.

NRRA’s School Recycling CLUB Educators, Cindy Sterling, Sarah McGraw and Julia Le May, presented workshops on: Healthy Home/Clean Waters, Waste=Global Climate Change, Back to the Earth, and Recycling & Composting in Your Town. Along with their PowerPoint presentations, the Educators provided hands-on activities and selected readings. Chet Brown, Facilities Manager at Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste, was a special guest speaker and provided both information and examples of recycling for the students. Seventy-four students in grades Pre-K through six attended the four workshops held on March 14.

Two technical assistance trainings were held the following day, March 15 at Barnard Academy. Ms. McGraw and Ms. Le May conducted a Star Assessment, NRRA’s proprietary school recycling inventory and review. They also provided training on Indoor Air Quality and Green Cleaning for the custodial staff, consisting of a comprehensive inventory and analysis of cleaning products and practices used in the school. Many thanks to Head Custodian Eben Farinas and STEAM Coordinator Regi Carr for taking time from their busy schedules to assist with the evaluations.

Special thanks also to the Barnard Academy teachers and staff for their support, and most especially Math Teacher Britney Koetsier and Principal Hannah Thein, for making this event successful.

The White River Solid Waste Alliance represents the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester, Royalton & Stockbridge, VT. As a Member of NRRA, all schools within the Alliance are eligible for free membership in NRRA’s School Recycling CLUB and receive discounted programming.

The School Recycling Club (The CLUB) is an NRRA 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 35 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit www.nrra.net.



PHOTO: NRRRA Educator Cindy Sterling reads a selection from her composting book as part of the Back to the Earth Workshop for K-2 students (NRRRA photo)



PHOTO: NRRRA Educator Sarah McGraw helps 3rd and 4th grade students create and test green cleaning alternatives as part of the Healthy Home/Clean Waters Workshop (NRRRA photo)