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Bethel Elementary Hosts Recycling Workshops

Bethel, 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 Bethel Elementary School. 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. Maintenance Director John Hubble was a special guest speaker and provided tips on how the students can reduce their waste. Fifty-six students in grades three and four attended the four workshops held on March 21.

Two technical assistance trainings were also held on March 21 at Bethel Elementary. NRRA Educator Julia Le May conducted a Star Assessment, NRRA’s proprietary school recycling inventory and review. She 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 Maintenance Director John Hubble for taking time from his busy schedule to assist with the evaluations.

Special thanks also to the Bethel Elementary teachers and staff for their support, and most especially Teacher Jaime Rainville and Principal Andra Bowen, 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 (NRRA) 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.



NRRR Educator Cindy Sterling supervises Bethel students in an environmentally friendly cleaning products activity as part of the Healthy Home/Clean Waters Workshop (NRRR photo)

Bethel students test the effectiveness of different homemade cleaners (NRRR photo)



PHOTO: NRRR Educator Sarah McGraw instructs Bethel students on how trash can impact the environment in the Waste=Global Climate Change Workshop (NRRR photo)