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PRESS RELEASE

NRRRA School CLUB's "NH Teacher of the Year" **AWARD ANNOUNCED** **At NRRRA Annual Conference in Manchester, NH**

EPSOM, NH - The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) is pleased to recognize Ms. Amanda Patenaude, Newport Montessori School, Newport, NH with the "2013-2014 NH Teacher of the Year" Award.

This year Miss Amanda Patenaude led her students on a mission to bring composting to Newport Montessori School in Newport, NH. To begin this project she engaged her students in a discussion about renewable, nonrenewable and inexhaustible items that are used every day. From that discussion, students decided that food was the biggest waste factor for their classroom and for the school. Next, Miss Amanda's students conducted observations of the primary student lunch period to determine if enough compostable items were generated each day to pursue a composting initiative. From those observations, Miss Amanda and her students developed classroom lessons to be used for learning what items can be composted, recycled, or trashed. After the creation of the composting lessons, Miss Amanda and her students tracked the weight amount of the compost collected in our school cafeteria on a daily basis for a two week time period. They collected 16 pounds in the two weeks and determined that this was a tremendous amount of reusable product for a school with 77 students and 18 teachers. As a result of these findings, the school now composts daily which significantly reduces their waste and gives them soil to use in their school gardens.

For all her efforts, Miss Amanda Patenaude is the 2013-2014 recipient of the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award.

This award was presented at the NRRRA School CLUB's 5th Annual School Recycling Conference and Expo on June 10th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The Conference & Expo was a great opportunity for students, teachers and administrators who are interested in learning more about school recycling, expanding their programs, increasing the efficiency of their current program, adding recycling education to their curricula's, exchange ideas, share philosophies, and further promote waste reduction efforts.

A special thanks to NH the Beautiful for sponsoring the School Recycling Conference and for their continued support of school recycling in New Hampshire. They recently awarded The Club a \$17,500 grant to help expand our school outreach programs.

The School Recycling Club (The Club) is a program for all schools in the Northeast and is supported by NRRRA and NHtB. 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.

The NRRRA is a proactive, non-profit cooperative working with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information, visit www.nrra.net. For high-resolution pictures, please email info@nrra.net or call (603) 736-4401.



From Left to Right: Ray Dube, NH the Beautiful, Ms. Amanda Patenaude, Newport Montessori School and Scott Schaier, NH the Beautiful presenting 2013-2014 NH Teacher of the Year Award.

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