

Goals

**Share with you how I have
been educating about
sustainability.**

**Make connections with some
of you to get new ideas.**

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Conservation Crew began in 2015



Community Power Grant
Special thanks to the Solid
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making this all possible!!!

RETHINK 
RECYCLING.

NMS Conservation Crew 2015-16



Why?

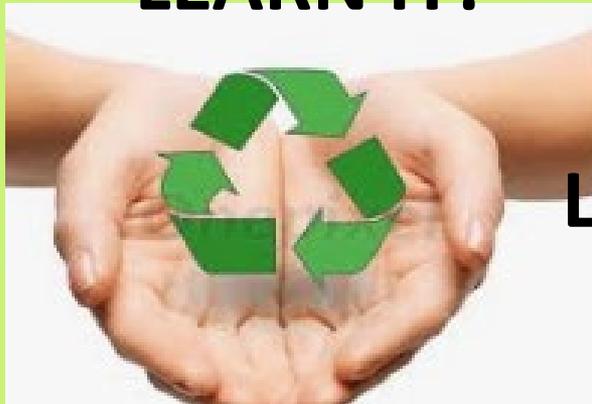
- I have always been passionate about the environment.
- I have always wanted to do more to educate my students so they would feel empowered to make changes in their lives and our school.
- I took a master recycling class through Anoka County in the fall of 2014 and learned about a grant opportunity, so I developed a plan and applied.

Goals of the Program

- Train and educated a select group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders in an after school program on the topics of reducing, reusing, recycling, composting, and etc.
- Create ways to educate the rest of the school and make positive changes in our building.

LEARN IT!

TEACH IT!



LIVE IT!

Our first Meeting in 2015: Activity Litter Bugs
Students wrote 1 way humans harm & help the environment,
threw it, then they picked them up and read it aloud.



Training in the first year of the program

- First Field trip: 10/30/15

Great River Energy

Elk River Landfill

Full Circle Composting

Green Lights Recycling

Coon Rapids Recycling Center

- Second Field trip: 12/10/15

Science Museum “Future Earth Exhibit”

Inver Grove Heights Recycling Center

Field Trip



Field Trip



Science Museum



Training: Speakers

- Sue Doll (Anoka County Waste Management)- Introduction to the importance of what we were doing
- Lewis Segl (Anoka County Waste Management)-helped with the sign making and brought materials from the county for us to use
- Amy (HHW)-Discussed house hold hazardous waste
- Corina Hill (Norwex Consultant)- Discussed harmful cleaners and gave each student a Norwex rag. (They were excited to go home and clean! They really were!)
- Colleen Sinclair (Coon Rapids Recycling Center)- Details on recycling and the recycling center
- Katie Stelzner (Recycling Program Specialist)- Recycling education

Learning about HHW



Norwex Cleaning Towels



Training

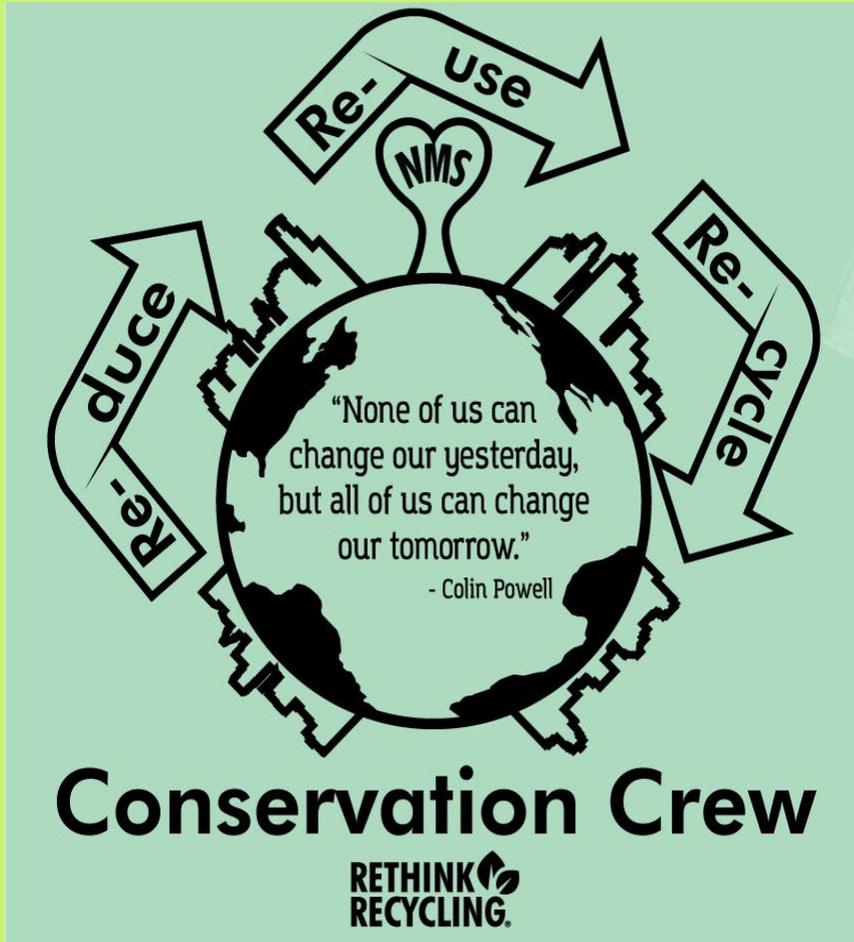
- Reading Articles
- Video Clips & Songs
- Research projects: ex. “History of trash” timeline and recycled art projects/ways to reuse materials
- Online Activities: ex “Carbon footprint”
- Hands-on-activities

Buying in Bulk Activity!

Less packaging and saves \$



Our Group T-Shirt



Raffle Prize!



Activities for the School

- Hung recycling/trash signs
- Through another grant we ordered recycling bins for hallways where there were none
- Made and hung signs in the bathrooms on a method to use less paper towels
- Outdoor school clean-up
- Created one sided paper bins for classrooms
- Started breakfast recycling
- Started marker recycling

We started Breakfast Recycling



Signs we designed: We asked staff to pair their recycling and trash in classrooms



We hung these in the bathrooms to encourage the use of less paper towels.



Cleaning up Outside



Paper bins made from printing box lids



Training the school in breakfast recycling



Marker Recycling

Got Used Markers?
ColorCycle it!



Directions

1. Place old markers here.
2. Bring to room 118 Wednesday's during homeroom to empty.

Activities

- Made non-toxic cleaners
- Decorated reusable shopping bags
- Researched and made posters on the core topics we were learning about
- Played recycling bingo
- Planted trees
- Made a worm compost bin
- Taught a lesson to 2nd graders
- Volunteered to help at the Green Expo at the Blaine Sports Center

Making Reusable Bags



Working at the Green Expo at the Blaine Sports Center 2 years (Interviewed by the local news)



Blaine Green Expo

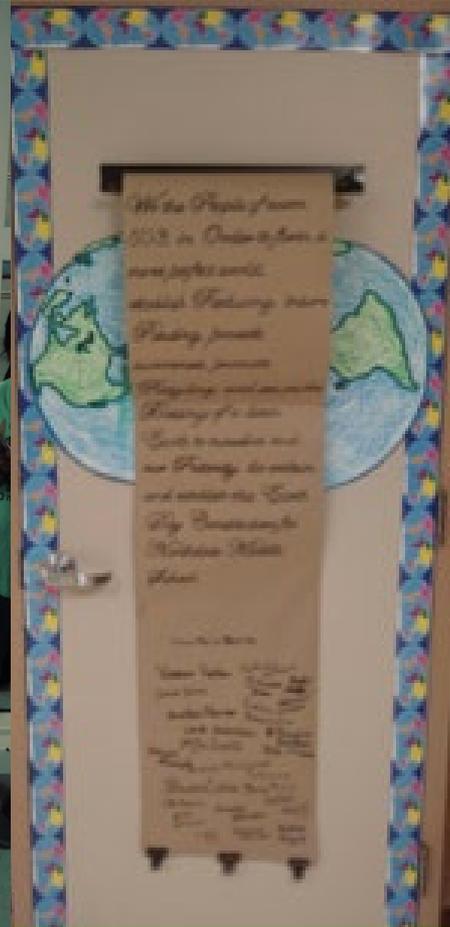


Activities during Earth Day Week

- Our group had an educational table in the mornings before school (posters & activities). We gave raffle tickets for visiting our table and did a daily drawing for a prize.
- Information on the morning announcements
- School wide scavenger hunt finding posters with going green tips on them. (Prize: we did 2 drawing for reusable lunch sets)
- Students/staff signed a “Going Green” pledge
- Homerooms watched the Lorax, and filled out a sheet on one way they were going to commit to changing in their life
- Gave out bookmarks we created to the school
- Showed a video we created
- Door decorating contest

Earth Day Door Decorating Contest

*Winning homeroom won open gym time



Earth Day Week Showcase 2016



Earth Day Week Showcase 2017



Gray Wolf

Threatened

Habitat: Tundra, Woodlands, Forest, Grasslands and deserts.

Why is this organism endangered?

Farmers and landlords hunt them so they don't harm them or their animals.

How did we help:

MN government made killing wolves illegal to stop them from going extinct.

Earth Day Week Showcase 2018



Earth Day Week Showcase 2019



Why is taking care of the EARTH important to me?

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Animals all around in
the environment are
getting hurt because of
plastic and other waste.

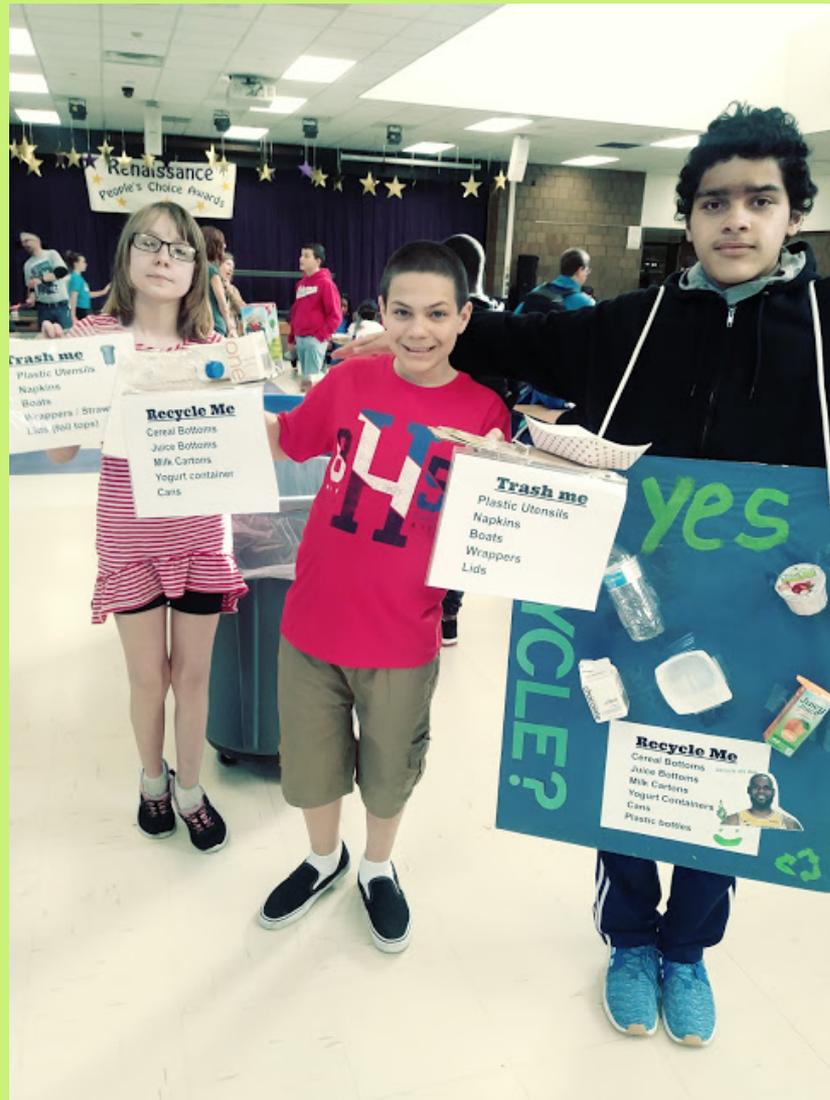
I am proud because I
can compost at home.



Earth Day Morning Display



Earth Day Week: Breakfast Recycling



Reusable Lunch Box Winners!



Questions???

