

We held our 3rd T.O.L.D. (Trash On the Lawn Day) event on October 27th for our 6th grade science classes in association with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (www.nrra.org) along with our MMS Recycling Club. The event organized and run by the MMS Recycling Club students and Mrs. Varney-Parker is a thought-provoking service-learning project that assesses a school's waste management issues and opportunities for improvement, while fostering student leadership.

Under the NRRA's guidance, our Recycling Club led our 6th grade science classes in sorting an entire week's worth of trash from classrooms and the cafeteria. The trash is sorted into various categories, then weighed and recorded by the students. The information they gathered shows how much waste could have been diverted from the school's waste stream to our recycling program. We've been collecting information on our waste management for the past couple of years through this program. We will compare this year's information to the previous years to determine how much of an impact our efforts over the past couple of years have helped us to recycle. Great job to Mrs. Varney-Parker and the student leaders of the MMS Recycling Club!

Sixth grade had a great week at Nature's Classroom environmental camp during October. Students took part in a variety of classes and activities that were chosen to enhance the grade 6 curriculum in science and social studies. While the camp is themed to an environmental curriculum, there is a wide variety of lessons that our staff can choose from while there. In addition to the academic curriculum, there are ample opportunities for students to work together and develop their skills in problem-solving. Students have to work together to complete tasks throughout the week while learning to get along with others.

Winter is coming and with it is the chance of snow and inclement weather; the Superintendent of Schools may call a delayed opening or may determine that cancelling classes for the day would be in the best interest of the students' safety. When classes are canceled every effort will be made to have the announcement made by 5:00AM and no later than 5:30AM. The announcement will be broadcast over the district's website (www.milfordk12.org) and following media channels;

WMUR-TV CH 9 <http://www.wmur.com/weather/closings>

CBS-TV CH 4-TV WCVB-TV CH 5-TV

WGIR 101.1FM / 610AM WZID 95.7FM

WBZ 1030AM

WOKQ 97.5FM

If a delayed opening is announced, students are expected to arrive at school two (2) hours after their normal time of arrival. Here at the middle school, students are expected to arrive between 9:15AM and 9:30AM during a delayed opening. If the weather remains bad and the decision has to be made to change from a delayed opening to the cancellation of classes for the day an announcement will be made over the media outlets listed above before 8:00AM.

We would like to remind parents that the Milford Middle School weather station is up and running and reporting weather conditions from the middle school.

The banner for the weather station reports can be found on the middle school's webpage; <http://mms.milfordk12.org>

Have a wonderful November!