

Coventry Board of Education

Donna Bernard, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Phone: 742-7317

PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

April 22, 2010

The Community Problem Solvers Group from the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School in Coventry has been selected to speak to the General Assembly in Hartford on Thursday, April 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. regarding the importance of environmental issues. Grade 8 student Kaitlyn Sabin will be speaking on behalf of CNHMS. Other students attending the Youth Forum are: Bram Kyer, Emma Gould, Rebecca Pranger, Patrick Dolan, Brooke Vaillancourt, Kevin Huppert, Leah Strycharz, and Carol Wilk.

Historically, the Community Problem Solvers Group has conceived and implemented many “green” endeavors in Coventry Public Schools and in the community at large. The focus for students has been a multifaceted ecology project, pioneering a recycling initiative in our community with the focus on “going green” and raising awareness in the community about the importance of this issue. This initiative has been broken down into three segments: recycling, electronic waste collection, and composting. The students have run an educational campaign and given several presentations for students from Grades 3 to 8 on the "how to components" of composting, and they have held fundraisers for disposing of electronic waste properly. The students have worked closely with the district's facilities manager and the custodial staff to conduct scientific research and a data collection that have resulted in trash reduction and composting, an initiative which has been cost effective to the district. These students also develop community awareness about environmental issues, having presented to the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce Annual Home and Business Expo.

This group also received the 2009 GreenCircle (GC) Award for successfully implementing an innovative and unique pollution prevention program at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle school that generates an environmental benefit.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call Carla Kennedy at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School at 860-742-7334, Ext. 279.