

Going Green in Londonderry

Kids Recycle !

Get kids excited and stand back and watch what happens! Judy Duval, a fifth grade teacher at South School did just that with the help of Kerri Stanley. Duval invited Stanley to her classroom to talk about Beautify Londonderry, our town-wide clean-up program. This is the second year that Stanley, a member of both the Beautify Londonderry Committee has inspired Duval's fifth graders. They scoured South School's playground and front parking lot and picked up several large bags full of trash.

But that wasn't enough for them. They wanted to motivate other kids to stop littering and to clean up their own neighborhood. The class put together a list of facts from Stanley's talk to be read during the morning announcements on the PA system to the whole school each day. Things like: "Litter carries germs and attracts rats and other scavengers. Litter also harms wildlife. Protect our wildlife – don't litter!" or "The number one reason people litter is that they are lazy and don't take the time to throw trash away properly. Other reasons are that they don't care about the environment, and there are few consequences for people who litter. You can report littering to the police and there are fines for littering!"

Several students took Ms. Stanley's message even further. Kiera Tewksbury researched recycling. Kiera along with Ellen Kester and Gianna Dudley have cleaned up their own neighborhoods. Mike Payson distributed flyers to encourage other kids to join in his neighborhood clean-up.

Bravo to Mrs. Duval's fifth grade class for taking the initiative and caring about our environment. If these kids are the future of Londonderry, it should be in good hands!

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