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Re: Composting at school

Dear Parents,

The Conservation Commission is excited to announce the selection of Riverside School to participate in a new program *Leaves: Nature's Treasures*. This program was adopted by the Greenwich Board of Selectmen on July 30, 2015 to encourage property owners to recycle and reuse leaves on their properties.

At Riverside School the program will engage students in composting activities. Students will learn about compost through presentations in the cafeteria and food sorting. In particular, our 2nd grade classes (who learn about composting in science) will at times provide support with the outdoor compost bins. The bins were installed on November 13th and will be used for mixing leaves collected from the school grounds with cafeteria leftovers (raw fruits and vegetables). The compost will later be used as a soil amendment and will be added to the school's planted beds.

The second grade students will learn about vermicomposting. Each classroom will receive a worm bin and students will make observations of the compost-making process. They will learn about what worms need to live and the importance of decomposers in the nutrient cycling. Composting is a great way to reduce organic wastes through recycling and reusing. We hope this important lesson will encourage a new generation of property owners to live a more sustainable life.

We would like you to take an active role in these initiatives. The goal is to involve the entire community and make a meaningful step towards reducing our organic wastes.

We care about your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact Aleksandra Moch at amoch@greenwichct.org or call (203) 861-6170.



Sincerely,

Conservation Commission Staff