

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Middle School and Waste Management improve communities through education, recycling and beautification projects

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Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful Awarded Franklin Delano Roosevelt Middle School one of 50 Waste Management Think Green® Grants for the ECO Crew's service learning project to learn about litter and recycling, create a public awareness campaign to increase recycling and decrease littering in our schools and community.

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP, Pa. — April 25, 2013 — Today, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Middle School announced that it was awarded a Waste Management Think Green® Grant as part of the environmental services company's nationwide effort to improve community environments through cleanups, beautification, recycling and educational programs. Nationwide, 50 grants were awarded. The school was nominated for the grant based on its participation in Waste Management subsidiary's Wheelabrator Technologies 19th Annual Symposium for Environment and Education.

The ECO Crew is part of this year's Wheelabrator's Symposium. Under the guidance of local educators and Wheelabrator employees, the Eco Crew identified a lack of commitment to recycling as an environmental challenge in their community. They set out to find a solution by conducting research, surveying students, residents, and policy makers and developing an action plan that would increase recycling and promote environmental protection.

"This is our 19th year participating in this partnership with Wheelabrator. Business and education partnerships such as this are valuable and serve as a vehicle to advance environmental education while providing our students with the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, inspiring active problem-solving and creative thinking," said Meredith Mueller, the lead symposium teacher. "These are lessons they will carry with them for the rest of their lives, continuing to better our environment."

"Keep America Beautiful is committed to building and sustaining vibrant communities throughout the country," said Matthew M. McKenna, president and CEO of Keep America Beautiful. "Waste Management is carrying our ideals forward in Bristol Township through its partnership with FDR. This on-the-ground support provides a vital foundation to creating socially connected, environmentally healthy and economically sound communities."

"The WM Think Green® Grant provides us with a great avenue to demonstrate how Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful Think Green every day," said Wheelabrator Plant Manager Fred Lodini. "Helping to make our communities cleaner and safer is part of our company's mission to be a good community partner" Waste Management supports KAB on numerous programs designed to increase recycling and support community sustainability.

Be sure to look for www.facebook.wm.com, #Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful on Twitter or go to www.KABCcleanup.org to view what volunteers around the country are doing to support KAB.

About Franklin Delano Roosevelt Middle School

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Middle School is located in Bristol Township, PA and is one of two middle schools in the Bristol Township School District. It is a public school that serves 545 students in grades seven and eight. To learn more, visit www.btsd.us/subsite/fdr.

About Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.

A wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management of Houston, Texas, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. Wheelabrator's 17 waste-to-energy facilities provide safe waste disposal for towns and cities across the U.S. Wheelabrator also operates five independent power plants designed to generate electricity using an assortment of fuels, including waste wood, tires, waste coal, and natural gas. In addition to producing electricity, some of these facilities also produce steam sold to nearby government and commercial establishments. Wheelabrator's 22 facilities have a combined electric generating capacity of 896 megawatts, enough energy to power more than 985,000 homes. To learn more, visit www.wheelabratortechnologies.com.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more, visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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