

NEWS FROM THE CREW

CONSERVATION CREW FALL 2024

FROM THE TRAILHEAD

This year, we have twelve new schools joining Conservation Crew, for a total of forty-two Crews around the state!

Welcome to the program:

- Anderson United Middle School
- Anoka Middle School for the Arts
- Barnum Elementary School
- Raleigh Academy
- Friendly Hills Middle School
- Goodhue Secondary
- Sebeka High School
- Kellogg Middle School
- Nashwauk High School
- New Ulm Middle School
- Saint Andrew Catholic School
- Valley Middle School of STEM

Over the summer, our team compiled evaluation results from the 2023–24 school year. We use the data to track students' attitudes and actions regarding conservation. Since the beginning of the last school year, the percent of students who reported regularly picking up litter in the last year increased by 39% for a total of 89%!

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CREW VIEWS

After introducing recycling to the school last year, the Crew at Pillager Public Schools noticed some non-recyclable material was ending up in the recycling bins. Instead of getting discouraged, the Crew is doubling down and launching an educational campaign for the 5th-12th graders to teach them how to properly dispose of trash and recycling.

CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

Although school wasn't in session over the summer, several Crews continued to meet throughout the warmer months to tend to and maintain their projects. Students at Mounds Park Academy's Crew met bi-weekly for 3 hours at a time to care for their outdoor classroom.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

“Conservation Crew has been such a great experience at WMS that my 8th grade students are asking if they can start a Crew at the high school level next year. I am encouraging them to do so and to continue to look for different ways to have a positive environmental impact in our community.”

—Sada Ganske, Westwood Middle School

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