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South Elementary School Students Learn All About Water

HINGHAM, MA. – Fifth grade students at South Elementary School in Hingham recently received a crash course in the local watershed as part of a water education program called ‘Water All Around You’, run by the North and South Rivers Watershed Association.

The program, funded by Aquarion Water Company for the 10th year in a row, educates all 5th graders in Hingham and Hull about local water resources and the impact they can have on the local water supply by conserving water.

“Being a good neighbor is part of our mission at Aquarion Water,” said Ronit Ronit Goldstein, Manager, Communications and Operations. “We are dedicated to Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset and give back to the community by supporting innovative, environmental programs that improve, protect or restore drinking water supplies and surrounding watersheds such as Water All Around.”

Two weeks ago, students had the opportunity to tour the water plant on Main Street in Hingham to see how water is treated and delivered to their homes.

During the class, students learned that all of the water delivered to homes in Hingham, Hull and parts of Cohasset is served by Aquarion and comes from the Weir River Watershed. They also came to understand that the quality of the water is directly influenced by how we care for the land in our watershed.

Students also had the opportunity to observe a sophisticated ground water simulator that shows how water travels below ground, carrying pollution with it to streams and ponds. The simulator also showed how pollutants, including fertilizers and dog waste left on the land, wash into local water bodies via a simulated rainstorm on a watershed model. Through a demonstration, they also learned how rocks and soil can actually clean dirty, polluted water.

As part of the class, students also played a game to see what daily tasks they could accomplish using 65 gallons of water - the recommended Massachusetts daily maximum allotment per person in order to have enough water for public safety and consumption. Students quickly discovered the one activity they couldn't do to stay within the 65 gallons per day recommendation – lawn watering – which can actually consume thousands of gallons in a day.

About Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts:

A division of Aquarion Water Company, Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts is the public water supply company for more than 50,000 people in the towns of Hingham, Hull, Millbury, and Oxford. Aquarion Water Company is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the United States. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion is a responsible steward of the environment and assists the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

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