ReUse Opportunity: Locker Clean Out

The Main Street Middle School (MSMS) Team Summit Green Team and the Oxbow HS Environmental Coalition took waste reduction at school to a whole new level. With the help of CVSWMD staff, both schools hosted a locker-clean out event to ensure that all that stuff that's collected in lockers all year doesn't end up in the trash! Students created signage and set up sorting stations in the hallways. As students cleaned out their lockers, members from the clubs helped students sort their unwanted things into categories – trash, recycling, reuse and composting (eek).

MSMS results -

6 large roll-away recycling barrels were filled and recycled
2 trash barrels partially filled with trash only
7 boxes of reusable binders, dividers, folders, notebooks etc...
1 large pile of notebook paper - either brand new loose leaf binder paper or lined paper from spiral notebooks that can be used for those quick scrap paper / exit ticket moments
a small bit of compost (luckily nothing green and fuzzy)
1 large trash bag of discarded but still good clothing put with the lost and found to eventually go to Goodwill

Oxbow Results-

Again they had very little trash (only four 28 quart trash cans) About 10 recycling bins full of clothing and reusable school supplies At least 15 large trash cans full of recycling Very little compost