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## **WATERLOO SCHOOLS LOWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PLAN COMMUNITY WIDE AWARENESS EVENT**

WATERLOO-Lowell Elementary Expanded Learning Program teacher, Stacey Jambura, has been working with her 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students on an environmental awareness project.

Stacey's students saw a problem with the amount of litter around in the community, especially in our gutters and river. They were particularly concerned with the amount of plastic bags they saw. They learned that plastic bags or plastic film debris can easily make its way to our river and ultimately to our ocean and want to do something about it.

The students started a t-shirt drive at Lowell Elementary to collect as many t-shirts as possible, so they could turn them into reusable grocery bags. They also started collecting 6-pack rings that will be recycled through the Ring Leader program. They wrote and illustrated their own book that is being published by BaHar Publishing in Waterloo, Iowa.

They are planning on holding a community-wide awareness event at Lowell Elementary, 1628 Washington Street, on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 12-3:00 pm where they will have informational displays, games and activities, and demonstrations. They also plan to sell their t-shirt bags and book. All of the proceeds raised will be donated to ocean clean-up organizations and marine animal rescue organizations.

They plan on expanding this project even further and want to start plastic bag collections at all schools in the Waterloo Community School district. The bags collected can be turned into park benches and picnic tables.

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