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Maine Water Provides tour of drinking water treatment facility to 65 local students

Part of Imagine a day without water initiative

Millinocket, ME- December 3, 2019 – Maine Water recently hosted 65 students from Millinocket’s Granite Street School and Katahdin Christian Academy for a tour of the company’s drinking water treatment facility. The tour was offered as part of an open house that was open to the public and held in conjunction with an international initiative called Imagine a Day Without Water. The tours “flowed” efficiently and covered many areas related to drinking water treatment and testing, such as:

- The computer systems that allow Maine Water licensed and certified drinking water treatment plant operators to monitor treatment operations.
- Up close look at the treatment system and how it works.
- The laboratory where they learned about water quality and bacteria testing, which is how technicians ensure the water produced by the facility is safe and clean.

Students also learned that Millinocket’s drinking water system provides water to the fire hydrants around the community, which is a critical piece of public fire protection. They took part in activities to show the importance of protecting water supplies and conserving water through the company’s “Water Drop Watchers” educational program.

Richard Knowlton, president of Maine Water, stated, “We are proud of our team for volunteering to open our doors to the public and provide educational opportunities. Like all Maine Water employees, they have a passion and commitment for educating future generations about one of Maine’s greatest resources – its drinking water.”

Very positive feedback was received from the teachers to the Maine Water group on how beneficial this program was for the students.

About Imagine a Day Without Water:

Imagine a Day Without Water seeks to raise public awareness about the importance of water by encouraging people to think what a day without water would be like, and to help them understand the need to invest in the infrastructure to collect, treat and supply clean, safe drinking water.

About Maine Water: The Maine Water Company is a public water utility that currently owns 12 public water systems engaged in the collection, treatment, and distribution of drinking water for homes, businesses and fire protection service. The Maine Water Company serves more than 32,000 customers, or approximately 85,000 people, in 21 communities across Maine.

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