

# Masterpiece

Bak Middle School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, Fla.

## Green Scene

**Students work on making the school Eco-Friendly.**

**While** some students were dumping reusable waste into recycling bins, others were scavenging plastic water bottles on the ground. Students discovered from different places that the Earth needed help.

"I think recycling is important because we need to protect the environment," Georgia Sackler (8) said.

There were two clubs that worked on making the school a "greener" place, which were the Builders Club and the Green Team. The Builders Club was responsible for the distribution of recycling bins in classrooms. The Green Team was an aftercare organization that encouraged the school to be more energy efficient.

"It's good that they're [the school] recycling and putting out the recycle boxes, it makes people want to recycle," Ashanti Moore (8) said.

According to dosomething.org, one ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees. Those 17 trees can absorb 250 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. In addition, everyday Americans throw away eight million plastic water bottles.

"The best part of recycling is that it saves trees," Lindsey Jakob (8) said.

Students became more concerned with the oceans warming with the increasing temperature, causing ocean water levels to rise.

"Global Warming scares me because of all the ice melting, and then the world would come to an end," Jennifer Yoon (7) said.

Recycling did not just stop at school, students recycled at home too.

"Well, at home all the water bottles are put into the recycling bin, and the paper is put into the recycling bin too," Devon Weis (7) said.

Wildlife, plant life, and human life were all affected by global warming according to "I Love A Clean San Diego," which is a non-profit organization that promoted awareness of environmental issues. Being green was the school's main focus so others would care, and be kind to the irreplaceable Earth. *by Carly Amado, Malory Hudson, and Isabella Pezzalo*

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**Taking** the name tree hugger seriously, Fazida Yathali (8) shows her love for trees by hugging one. "I think [recycling] is really good for the environment, because there are a lot of trees getting torn down," Yathali said. Yathali wanted to promote her interest in saving trees. *Photo by Isabella Pezzalo*



**Laughing** with her friends in the courtyard, Ashanti Moore (8) totes an environment awareness bag. "The best part of recycling is knowing that we're doing something to help the environment," Moore said. Bags like this were worn by many of the other students to promote awareness about the environment. *Photo by Malory Hudson*



**Enjoying** lunch Stephanie Carrejo (7) carries her school supplies in a World Wildlife fund bag that encourages people to love the Earth. "Recycling is important because if we keep going the way we are, we're going to lose our rainforest," Carrejo said. The World Wildlife fund was known for helping animals which were endangered. *Photo by Malory Hudson*

**Running** for president of the Student Government Association, Gabriella Mercado (8) carries her lollipops that she gives out in an environmentally friendly bag. "Recycling helps the environment. At home, everybody should recycle. My family and I do, and it's one step towards helping our Earth," Mercado said. Mercado helped reduce waste in landfills by recycling. *Photo by Carly Amado*

## Theme: Live It

This spread reports on a global hot topic: "going green." It is important to remember to cover items of interest outside your school's walls, but only if you make the connection back to your student body. The story informs the reader of the steps their school has taken to be more globally responsible. The design is clean, and the silhouettes combined with original artwork and good-quality photographs and captions make this a spread worth noting.