

As an 11th grader in high school I've started to realize that environmental problems aren't just something distant but are actually happening now and affect everyone around the world . The theme "Our Power, Our Planet" shows that we actually have the ability to make change especially when it comes to recycling and reducing waste. These actions may seem small but when students and adults work together and share ideas to help the environment . They can lead to real solutions for the environment and change the outcome of the world we live in today .

Recycling is one of the simplest ways we could help protect the environment but many are failing to complete it. By reusing material like paper, plastic , glass, and metal we can reduce the need to use up all of our natural resources the environment is giving us. This helps lower pollution and save energy. But recycling only works if people actually do it and understand why it matters. That's why it is important for schools to teach students about recycling and for communities to make it easier for everyone to participate in helping the environment together . When students learn about these habits from a young age they would encourage not only their family members to recycle more at home but also grow up learning to recycle which can cause a major difference in our waste production throughout the centuries .

At the same time we need to focus on reducing the amount of waste we create since it is polluting the air we breathe in but also the food we are consuming as well . Due to the over production of plastic they start ending up in our oceans which is harmful to the ocean animals habitat but also us since we consume aquatic animals . A lot of the trash we produce comes from single-use items like plastic bottles , bags, and packaging. These items are used once and then thrown away often ending up in landfills or oceans which is very harmful for us but also the planet we live on today. By making small changes like bringing reusable water bottles , using lunch containers , and avoiding unnecessary packaging we can cut down the waste gradually . If both students and adults take these steps to impact the environment it would greatly decrease the pollution we have on our planet today and ultimately save the planet for future generations to enjoy.

Another important part of solving this problem is sharing your ideas out in the world for everyone to hear. Many people could believe their idea is bad or have no where to promote it but you should always try your hardest to speak out because you never know what you could achieve if you never tried at all . Schools are a great place for students or faculty members to talk about recycling and coming up with creative solutions to improve the environment around us. For example students can start recycling clubs, organize clean up days ,or create projects that reuse materials in new ways so it doesn't end up as more waste in the environment . When adults get involved too, like teachers, parents , and community leaders it creates a stronger effort to help our environment out for future generations . The exchange of ideas between different age groups can lead to better and more creative and effective solutions .

Creativity is key when dealing with environmental problems instead of just throwing things away like usually we can think of ways on how to reuse it or redesign them if they are broken so we can reuse all the material we possibly can without wasting it . This could mean turning old items into something useful or finding ways to reduce package waste. Encouraging

students to think creatively not only helps the environment but also builds problem solving skills that will be important in the future. We should be using our creativity to invent new ways we can reuse waste for it to be beneficial for our environment and not end up in oceans or on the floor during only one use.

In conclusion “Our Power, Our Plant” reminds us that everyone has a role in protecting the earth . As students we have the power to lead by example , sharing ideas and thinking of new ways to reduce waste and improve recycling as a whole. When we work together with adults and communities we can create meaningful changes by collaborating all our ideas together to help change the planet for the better in the future. The future of our planet depends on the actions we take a part of today and it starts with us.