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We Day: Fremont students battle marine pollution

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FREMONT, Calif. — It didn't take long for the students at Fremont's Alson Montessori school to leap into action.

They studied the dangers posed by plastics discarded into the local waterways and decided for their "We Day" project they would set up a program targeting plastic waste.



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"What I found out is that plastic caps are only recycled at a 10 percent recycling rate nationally while the bottle is recycled at 30 percent," said 14-year-old Pavan.

He has spearheaded the program that has now teamed up with a local recycler to set up a bottle cap recycling program.

Rosemary Petersen, an official with the school, said she was proud of the way the students have embraced the effort.

"We have a responsibility to our community," she told KTVU. "The way that you demonstrate your understanding of that responsibility is to actually do work in the community."

Alson students were also volunteering to feed the hungry and working to restore Sabercat Creek.

"I think we can take what's wrong in the world and fix it we've just go to work for it," said 16-year-old Nathan.

"We Day' will be held later this month and gather 16,000 local students at Oracle Arena to celebrate being active in the local and global community.

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