

Recycling At Medea

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We are having a big problem in the world having to do with recycling. I have interviewed five different people at Medea to see how we are doing and I asked questions like; what more do we have to do, and how they are helping or not helping the environment. I am thinking we are getting to be on the right track, but we still need to do more. The trash we throw out is getting so bad that it is starting to ruin habitats. The results mostly made me upset though.

In the interviews I have asked students and teachers different questions. I will start with what I asked the students named Aadarsh Jha, Matthew Sandler, and Kurathan Reddy. The first question I asked is, "how do you help the world?" The answers I got were mostly saying they recycle, reuse, and turn off water. They said that they reuse water bottles, lunch boxes, and a couple use containers, but they also said that they see a lot of people still use trash. The next question I asked is "Do you think Medea should recycle more?" Most people said yes, but we should put more bins for trash. This means that people may be recycling, but we are still using a lot of trash. This part upsets me because if they need more trash bins then Medea is producing a lot of trash and that is not a good. Though they all thought we are getting the right idea of putting the trash bins near the railings. What I also talked to them about was what we should do at Medea to help the environment. These students are very environmentally friendly and they all had ideas that we should do to help the world, but the one that stood out though was that we should have a garden and have compost. I think this is a good idea because the food trash we are producing can feed about 400,000,000 people and it takes up a lot of space. If we compost at Medea it could help stop that much food trash from going out into the environment. Some of the students are also in clubs like recycling club and idea to impact. I think overall that we are getting to be on the right track, but we still need to do a lot more.

The teachers I interviewed were Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Winsik. I asked them about how they think Medea is doing recycling and they both said we have to do better. They also thought we should try to compost at Medea. The part that upset me was when I asked if they seen kids litter on purpose. They both said yes and Mr. Winsik saw kids litter 15-20 times this year. I also asked if they inspire their students to recycle. Mrs. Johnson says yes and I'm in her class and I could see that she does. Mr. Winsik thought he should do more. They also think we should have a container in school that kids put batteries in because if electronic recyclables are recycled the wrong way it could cause a lot of pollution. This proves why we have to do more.

One can see we need to be doing a better job recycling. I think though with those creative ideas students and teachers made we could save the environment starting at Medea. All we need is to spread our ideas through out our school and hopefully throughout the world.

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