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## Green Teens

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some extent, and we need to do everything in our ability to reduce our individual impact. There are many ways to take action, but the simplest can be found in these three words: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

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We are probably all aware of the environmental issues that threaten the entire world. However, to what extent do they actually affect us? The EPA states that there are a variety of environmental problems, encompassing waste, carbon emissions, climate change, and pollution. Most, if not all of these, have direct consequences on every single person on this earth.

In particular, teens have shown great concern about the environment, and have been striving to take greener and cleaner measures. In order to reduce their individual carbon footprint, some ride their bikes to school in lieu of driving cars. Others opt out of bringing a brown paper bag for their lunch, using reusable sandwich wrappers instead. Alison Bogy, a sophomore, explains her part in being eco-friendly: "I always make sure to place recyclable items in the correct bin. It might not seem like much, but it really makes a difference!"

Miramonte High School's Environmental Club consists of a group of students dedicated to saving our environment. They meet once a week during lunchtime to discuss potential activities they can do to spread awareness, reduce waste, and promote recycling. Samuel Shain, president of the Environmental Club, says, "As teens, we are future leaders, and it is our responsibility to keep the world as clean as we can. At Miramonte High School, the Environmental Club teaches that through the simplest of actions, one can make a profound impact on our environment."

Ending today, Earth Week took place April 17-24. During this time, Miramonte's Environmental Club hosted an activity for each day of the week, ranging from announcing facts and trivia to creating a video encouraging green habits. Earth Week was a great time to promote awareness and action to the rest of the student body.

We need to save our earth, and doing that requires participation from all of us. Everybody is responsible to

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