

DoDEA schools start recycling

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Students at Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School and Guam High can now play a bigger role in protecting Guam's environment thanks to a partnership between the Navy and several local businesses. Navy officials, Guam Business Partners for Recycling, and base contractor DZSP 21 delivered a recycling dumpster for aluminum cans to both schools Jan. 30.

Stan Chop, McCool's principal, said it is an exciting start for his students to learn about the value of recycling. Chop said both students and teachers had been considering ways to get more involved in helping to improve the island.

"And actually with the Navy supporting us by bringing this dumpster, we're all set to join the program," he said, referring to the I Recycle program.

Now that the bins are at the two Department of Defense Education Activity Schools, I Recycle has 42 total schools on island practicing its motto of "reduce, reuse, and recycle."

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Joint Effort: From left, Peggy Denney, I Recycle program coordinator; Navy spouse Monika French; Capt. Scott Galbreath, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Base Guam; Stan Chop, Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School principal; and Michael Diekmann, Department Of Defense Education Activities superintendent get ready to throw the first cans into an aluminum recycling dumpster brought to the school Jan. 30.

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Recycling: 'Little things that we can do make a big difference'



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Pitch In: DZSP 21 Heavy Truck Operator Roman Aguon, left, and DZSP 21 Facilities Services Manager Arnold Acojido, make the final checks on a dumpster delivered to Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School for use in an aluminum recycling program Jan. 30. Called I Recycle, the program is a partnership between the Navy and local members of Guam Business Partners for Recycling.

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Representing the sponsors and members of Guam Business Partners for Recycling, I Recycle Program Coordinator Peggy Denney said 2.2 million pounds of aluminum is collected from the schools each year. After sales of the collected material, that puts about \$1.7 million back into the schools' budgets, she added.

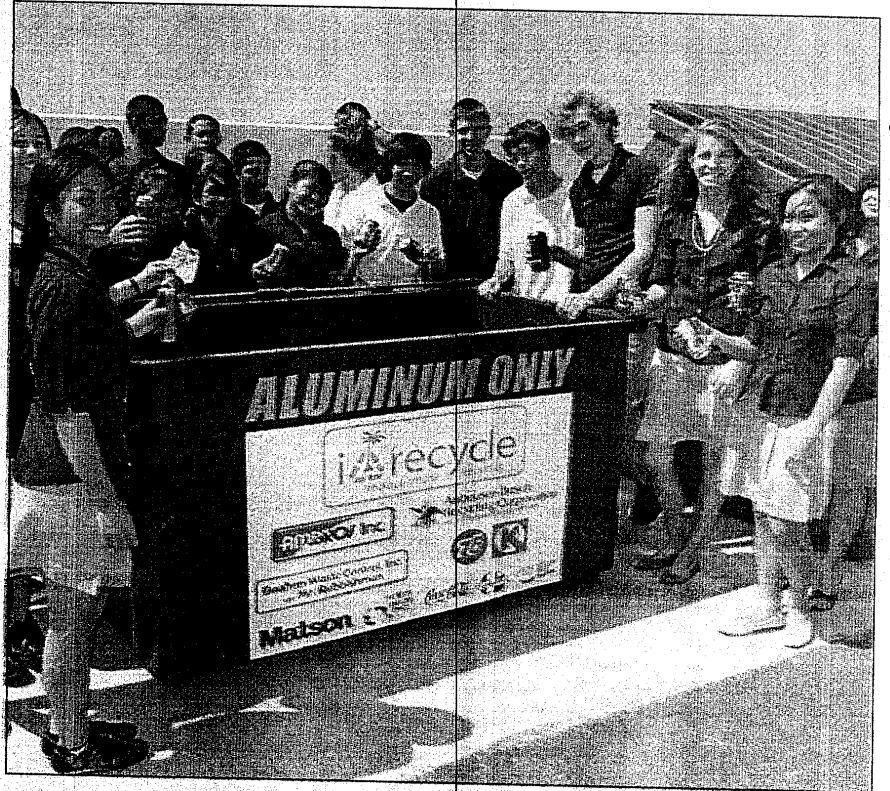
"They can use that money to purchase things that they really need," said Denney.

Denney encouraged families to make the most of the program by

bringing in their own cans from home and dropping them into the bins.

Overall planning started with ideas and efforts from different parties that include not only local sponsors but also Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, said Monika French, who helped represent the Navy's participation that morning. French said the end result is a positive learning experience, especially for children.

"Not only does it save us some money, but also it takes care of the surroundings that we live in, and I



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We Recycle: With aluminum cans in hand, students at Guam High welcome the addition of an aluminum recycling dumpster to the school Jan. 30. Both the high school and Cmdr. William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School received a dumpster to start the Navy and Guam Business Partners for Recycling's I Recycle program.

think that's important," said French.

Without recycling, aluminum cans at Guam High would probably end up mixed in with other trash, said the school's National Honor

Society President Kamille Pizarro. Pizarro was one of two dozen Guam High students who welcomed the addition of the bin by throwing in the first aluminum cans.

"It a good opportunity especially for the fact that it shows that little changes and little things that we can do make a big difference," said Pizarro.