**Recycling Collection Event at School**

Jaylen Schmidt’s green team at Alameda Elementary held its first recycling collection as an Earth Week event. It wanted to give the school community the opportunity to recycle difficult items, such as block styrofoam, athletic shoes, batteries, and eye glasses.  The team put bins in the school for each item with posters above telling the amount currently landfilled, the problems associated with disposal, and how the items would be reused or recycled.  That first year, they collected the following:

* 40 cubic feet of styrofoam recycled at Recology,
* 250 pounds of batteries recycled at Batteries Plus, nearly
* 200 pairs of shoes reused by a church with some recycled for sports surfaces, and
* 37 eye glasses reused by the Lions Club.

This event was continued the following year and collected even larger quantities of recyclables.  In 2010, the green team collaborated with Madeleine School for an e-waste collection event and engaged the Alameda Neighborhood Association through the neighborhood newsletter with several articles about what the school has accomplished.