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Brendan Giang shares the story and work of APPY club.

As COVID hit the world, most people took the quarantine as an opportunity to relax and take a break. Instead of spending his time playing video games, freshman Brendan Giang took a different approach.

At first, he and his friends hung out every Friday, but at the pandemic worsened, the meetings had to stop. Rather than giving up and just sitting around, he got his friends to help him on a project he named Appy.

“Originally, I mentioned it as a joke,” Giang said. “But, it actually turned out to be a viable idea.”

The first project stemmed

from Giang’s observation of the junk littered around Magical Bridge Playground.

“I saw that they had a huge trash problem because they had cardboard everywhere,” Giang said. “It was kind of horrifying to see.”

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After that, Appy Club continued to grow, completing six projects over the two years since the pandemic. They

say their work is inspired by the people that contribute to projects.

“I think the people are what makes this club such a great club,” Giang said. We see some really dedicated passionate students who are willing to do great things for the community.”

(top) **HELPING AT THE** Magical Bridge Playground in Mitchell Park, Brendan Giang meets the Magical Bridge Director, Olenka Villarreal.

(left) **APPY CLUB STUDENT** volunteers work on the design of a sustainable board solution. “We see some really dedicated passionate students who are willing to do great things for the community,” Giang said.

(right) **THIS IS THE** amount of cardboard the APPY Club cleaned up in one day at the park. “They had a huge trash problem, like cardboard everywhere,” Giang said.



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