

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our school is celebrating Waste Reduction Week by having a Waste-Free Lunch and we need your help! We need you to take up the challenge of packing your child's lunch entirely in reusable containers. We encourage you to do this every day, but on _____ (date) we will not be allowing garbage from lunches to be left at the school.

WHAT: A Waste-Free Lunch

WHO: All students who stay to eat lunch

WHEN: _____

WHY: As part of Waste Reduction Week, October 19-25th 2009. The idea is to show our children how important waste reduction is, and how each one of us can make a difference through our own choices and actions. See www.wrwcanada.com for more information.

HOW: Here are some suggestions for a waste-free lunch:

- ✓ Pack food in reusable containers (no plastic wrap, foil, plastic bags, single-serving containers, pre-packaged foods).
 - Food scraps not composted at the school will be sent home (hopefully to be composted)
- ✓ Put drinks in a re-usable bottle (avoid single-use containers: e.g. aluminum cans, drink boxes, bottled drinks)
- ✓ Any eating utensils should be reusable (plastic is fine, as long as it is washed and reused).
- ✓ Pack it in a reusable bag or lunch box, with cloth napkins.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact _____

Thank you,