

Dear Parents/Guardians:

SD #83 is embarking on an exciting mission: to make as little garbage as possible! All SD83 schools will be composting and recycling. Using the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, students are encouraged to bring “waste-free” or “less-waste” lunches by minimizing packaging that cannot be recycled or composted. Here are some ideas for packing school lunches:

- Pack lunch in reusable lunch kit
- Bring a water bottle instead of juice boxes or bottled water
- Pack sandwiches and snacks in reusable containers or compostable materials (wax paper, compostable corn sandwich bags, brown paper bags)
- Minimize materials that cannot be recycled or composted including foil wrappers (granola bar wrappers, chip bags), Ziploc bags and plastic film such as saran wrap and plastic wrap on meat and cheese items

Guide to **current** composting and recycling program in SD83 schools

Compost	Recycling	Garbage
<p>All food scraps (including fruit, vegetable, meat, cheese, bread, bones)</p> <p>Paper towels and napkins</p> <p>Wax cardboard cartons (milk)</p> <p>Kleenex</p> <p>Wax paper</p>	<p>Rinsed yogurt containers/ pudding cups</p> <p>Juice boxes</p> <p>Paper</p> <p>Newspaper</p> <p>Any plastics with recycling symbols (#1-7)</p> <p>Take out coffee cups and lids</p>	<p>Ziploc bags</p> <p>Saran/cling wrap</p> <p>Plastic straws</p> <p>Yogurt tubes and foil from yogurt lids</p> <p>Cheese string wrappers</p> <p>Foil lined packages - Granola bar wrappers Chip and cracker bags</p> <p>Packaged cookie wrappers</p>

Thank you for helping School District 83 with this mission!