



CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Waste-Free Lunches

Dear Parents

Schools, homes and businesses in School District 43, as well as around the GVRD, are now mandated to recycle organic waste. This is in effort to reduce our ongoing impact on the environment. In researching how other schools around the province have already begun to manage organic waste recycling, we discovered that several schools ask students and staff to take home all recyclable materials and organic waste. Essentially all lunch and snack materials are asked to go home. **We at Central have decided to adopt this process and starting Monday February 9th, will be asking students to take home all lunch materials.**

We encourage you to think environmentally in regards to packing lunches and snacks. For example, instead of juice boxes, which will now come home, students could drink from re-usable water bottles. Not only is it better for the environment, healthier, but also saves money. We also encourage you to pack lunches with reusable containers. Any small containers that come to school, such as yogurt, apple sauces, etc., will be put back in their lunch bags and taken home. Students will be shown how to rinse these containers out before putting them back into their bags. Using reusable containers with lids will again reduce the waste and make managing of the materials at home easier. We also suggest including a larger zip lock bag in your child's lunch. This could transport home materials like apple cores, banana peels, etc. with no mess. Simply recycle the material at home, rinse out the bag and use it again tomorrow.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this endeavor. There will be some adjustments as we make this transition; however, we believe this is an important action to take in supporting our environment. This also provides us the opportunity to teach students about the rationale and benefits of all forms of recycling. The staff at Central will also be following the same expectations. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Tristan McCutcheon

Principal

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