

NEW ZERO-WASTE LUNCH POLICY IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A new policy regarding lunches is now in place at all elementary schools, as part of “green” efforts within the district. All students who bring lunch are requested to use a reusable lunch bag filled with reusable containers and to bring a reusable water bottle that can be refilled with fresh, filtered, cold water from the new Hydration Stations on all campuses.

<u>What's Out</u>		<u>What's In</u>	
	Paper bags	Reusable lunch bag	
	Plastic baggies	Reusable containers	
	Disposable water bottle	Reusable water bottle	

Did-You-Know:

- ✓ On average, it is estimated that a school-age child using a disposable lunch generates 67 pounds of waste per school year
- ✓ One 15-year-old tree is used to produce 700 brown paper bags
- ✓ If every student within OPUSD uses a reusable water bottle, we will prevent over 600,000 plastic bottles from being disposed of in a single school year
- ✓ Buying bulk sizes of snacks and sending them in small, reusable containers saves money and reduces waste

By educating our children at home and in school about the responsibility we all share in trying to reduce the amount of trash we make, we will create a cleaner, greener environment for everyone.

Supply Sources:

Locally: Grocery stores, Target, Costco, Walmart, Bed, Bath & Beyond

Online: www.gogreenlunchbox.com www.greenraising.com www.reusablebags.com

"Green" efforts coordinated by the OPUSD Environmental Education and Awareness Committee

