

Students talk garbage

Some Brampton students spent the day talking garbage as part of efforts to encourage waste reduction in Ontario schools.

The bid to put a lid on the garbage generated in schools is being spearheaded by grocery store chain Metro and the Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO). The pair have teamed up for a second year to launch the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge in schools across the province and kick off Waste Reduction Week, occurring Oct. 17-21.



Talking garbage. Somerset Drive Public School Grade 5 students Gracie McKay, Lisa Dal Bello, and Jadea Hughes look over the sorting line with the assistance of Leigh-Anne Marquis, a technical analyst in waste program planning with Peel region, during a tour of the recycling plant on Torbram Road to kickoff Waste Reduction Week. *Photo by Bryon Johnson*

To help kick-off the challenge and Waste Reduction Week, Metro and the RCO took 50 Peel and Toronto students to the Peel Integrated Waste Management Facility in Brampton on Monday for an educational tour.

This school-based program is intended to help schools decrease the amount of garbage produced from food and drink wrappers and packaging as well educate students, staff and parents about waste reduction.

Students are being challenged to bring waste-free lunches to school this week. Parents are being encouraged to send children to school with lunches that contain no throw-away packaging. Instead, reusable containers should be used for food and drinks.

Classrooms compete by monitoring the waste lunches produce on a typical day and then comparing those numbers to the garbage generated on days during the weeklong challenge.

According to Metro and the council, school lunches are a major source of waste in Ontario. The average student's lunch generates 30 kg of waste per school year, or an average of 8,500 kg (18,700 pounds) of waste per school each year, the event organizers pointed out.

Grand prizes of \$1,000 are being awarded to the top 20 classrooms that are the most successful at reducing garbage generated by lunches.

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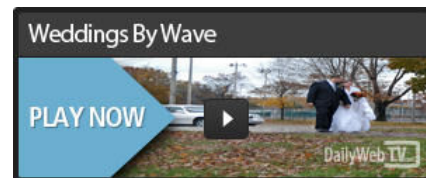
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