

Waste Reduction Initiatives

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Bellevue School District Nutrition Services is committed to reducing waste. In the past few years, the Department has phased out disposable plastic utensils, plastic straws and Styrofoam trays in partnership with City of Bellevue and a Washington State Department of Ecology grant.



All elementary schools

use durable metal utensils instead of plastic utensils at breakfast and lunch!

More than

1.3 million

plastic straws and 1.3 million plastic utensils are kept out of the landfill each year!



Student quotes about why they like the reusable utensils at school:

"Helps to save our Earth"

"Just like home"

"They do not break"

"Reduces pollution"



About

6 tons

of plastic waste is reduced each year by not using plastic utensils and straws. That is the same weight as as one orca whale.



All secondary schools use compostable utensils instead of disposable plastic utensils at breakfast and lunch!



THANK YOU to the amazing Bellevue School District staff that have made waste prevention a huge success including: Nutrition Services staff, Custodial staff, Cafeteria staff, Office staff, Administrative teams, Green Genius teams and teachers. KUDOS to Bellevue's students!



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