



Help Our *Kids* Help the *Earth*



The Green Team is happy to announce that Lincoln will launch lunchroom waste sorting in mid January!

- Students will put food scraps, napkins/paper and compostable trays into a COMPOST container. They will be turned into new SOIL at the compost facility. Keeping organic material out of landfills = making less METHANE and other greenhouse gases, which helps fight climate change, PLUS it reduces landfill costs.

A look the wonderful process of composting: <https://sevengenerationsahead.org/zero-waste-stories-from-the-field/the-journey-of-oak-park-school-district-97-food-scraps>

- Kids will pour the liquid out of milk cartons and other drink containers. That reduces the weight and mess of what goes into the landfill.

HOW TO HELP:

- Discuss this effort with your kid(s) over the holidays (a great time to talk about recycling gift wrap and so on)
- Be a Lincoln VISITOR at lunchtime—we'll need parent volunteers to oversee the start of the sorting, as the kids get used to it. We can only do it with your help!

-->> **Please SIGN UP here:** <https://tinyurl.com/LunchSort>

- SEND more REUSABLE containers in lunches from home, so less waste is created.

You can SAVE MONEY too—for example, wash and reuse the plastic box that lunch meat may come in to pack a sandwich, instead of buying plastic bags all year. Reusable water bottles can also hold other drinks to avoid non-recyclable juice boxes/pouches. Buying in bulk and packing a serving of snacks has far less waste and cost than single-serve packages.

This is the first big effort of the re-energized Green Team. Look for more information on this in January. There will be updates as other events and activities are planned!

Please volunteer at the link above and send any comments or questions to LincolnGreenOP@gmail.com