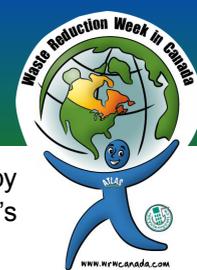


Here are some sample PA Announcements to use during Waste Reduction Week, Earth Day, or Environment Week. Or better yet — include environmental reminders to students in your school throughout the year!



1 Waste Reduction Week is October 19-25, 2015. We can reduce waste at school this week and every week by bringing a waste-free lunch and using both sides of the page in our scribblers. For the waste we do create, let's remember to recycle and compost what we can!

2 Did you ever see a mountain of garbage spilling out of the garbage can after lunch? A lot of that garbage isn't even needed. You don't need a baggie for your sandwich if you have a reusable sandwich container; you don't need a plastic spoon for your yogurt if you have a metal spoon from home. Pack a waste-free lunch and help to save our environment!

3 Everyone knows we should reduce, reuse and recycle. Well now there's a new R in the mix — **RETHINK!** Rethinking means making better choices every day to cut down on the amount of garbage we make — like bringing a waste-free lunch to school!

4 Just a reminder, even though we recycle paper in our school — paper towels, paper plates, napkins and Kleenex go into the **COMPOST** cart.

5 Today's recycling reminder: It's important to remove caps, straws and lids on your beverage containers. Plastic drink containers go into recycling. Paper cups go into **COMPOST**. Straws, caps & lids are **WASTE**.

6 Eating your snack outside today? Remember to bring back your wrappers and containers after recess and put them in the proper container. Recycling and composting are a great way to save our planet!

7 Did you know apple cores and banana peels can be recycled? Yes, composting is nature's way of recycling! Let's recycle our fruits and vegetable scraps by putting them in the school **COMPOST** bins.

8 When leaves, berries and branches fall to the forest floor, do the squirrels gather them up in a garbage bag and take them to a dump? No, of course not! Nature doesn't make garbage; nature recycles! You can recycle just like nature by composting at school.

9 Did you know that about one third of the garbage we throw away every day can be composted? You can keep organic resources out of our Island landfill and turn it into a rich fertilizer by placing food scraps in the **COMPOST** bin at school.

10 We have a lot of environmentally conscious students in our school. We all know it's important to cut down on the garbage we make, so we reduce, reuse and recycle whenever we can. But what else can we do? Let's take it one step further by making sure we sort out our compost and waste also!

11 Nothing in nature is wasted or sent to a landfill. In nature, organisms break down dead plants and animals returning nutrients back into the soil. When we compost at school, we are using these same natural processes. We are turning organic wastes into valuable resources.

12 Here at _____ school, we recycle paper products just like you do at home. Remember to put your scrap papers in the recycling container in your classrooms. Every time we recycle paper, we save more trees.

13 Help us recycle more by doing your part at school. Together we can keep good recyclables out of our landfill and help protect our environment.

14 Our school has always been great at recycling refundable beverage containers. Let's keep up the great work and remember to do just as good a job with recycling other things like paper, and putting food scraps in the **COMPOST** cart.

15 Remember that a lot of plastic containers can be recycled. Look for the symbols on these containers. On PEI recycling symbols  through  are good. Containers with these numbers are recyclable. Plastics with other numbers or no numbers at all are **WASTE**.

16 Is that waste? Remember, if you are not sure, ask your teacher to check the Waste Watch sorting guide. Help us recycle more and make our school more environmentally friendly!

17 Some things still go in **WASTE**. It's very important to not put them in the recycling or compost. Things like forks and spoons, snack wrappers, yogurt cups and tubes and anything made with Styrofoam must go into the **BLACK WASTE** containers.