



EVERY Day is Trash-Free Lunch Day at Grand View!



Start the new school year right—win the **Trash-Free Lunch Kick-Off Contest!**

Win Dinner for 4 at Rock & Brews El Segundo!

At Grand View, we encourage parents to pack a trash-free lunch for their children EVERY day of the year! The student who brings the most trash-free lunches during October will win a free dinner for four at Rock & Brews El Segundo! (Up to \$100.) If there are multiple entries, one winner will be selected via a drawing.

What is a Trash-Free Lunch? A trash-free lunch means including **nothing** disposable: No foil, no plastic bags, no paper napkins, no throw-away food packaging for prepackaged foods, no disposable water bottles, no plastic utensils, no paper bags...you get the idea. Only food and drinks in reusable containers. *Why? See the other side of this flyer!*

Parents: Initial the calendar below for each day your child brings a trash-free lunch.
NOTE: Bought lunches (unfortunately) do not qualify as trash-free lunches.

October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

I certify that my child brought a trash-free lunch each day I initialed above.

Child's Name: _____ Room/Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

RETURN THIS SHEET TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE FRONT OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 6th.

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As a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School, Grand View encourages parents and students to pack a trash-free lunch EVERY day. And if you can't be trash-free, Grand View asks you to sort your waste into recycling and food waste.

For September, the **Grand View student who brings the most trash-free lunches will win dinner for four at Rock & Brews! See the other side of this flyer.** *(Rock & Brews El Segundo location only, value \$100. If there are ties, one winner will be selected by a drawing.)*

Why do this? Here are some facts to inspire you:

1. **Most of what we eat, drink, or use in any way comes packaged in petroleum plastic- a material designed to last forever, yet used for products that we then throw away.** Our landfills and beaches are awash in plastic packaging, and expendable products that have no value at the end of their short lifecycle.
2. **Lots of plastic is getting into the oceans' food chains/webs.** Most plastic floats near the sea surface where some is mistaken for food by birds and fish. Research shows that **there are now 6 pounds of plastic pieces in the ocean for every pound of zooplankton**, a basic food for most sea animals.
3. **The U.S. discards more than 250 million tons of trash each year, or about 4.5 pounds per person each day.** Most of that waste is either recyclable or compostable, but just one-third is actually recycled.
4. **In Los Angeles County we generate enough trash to fill Dodger Stadium every few DAYS.**
5. **Packing a trash-free lunch helps our environment, and saves money for both Grand View and Grand View parents.** Since starting the Trash Free Lunch program 11 years ago, **Grand View has saved nearly \$5,000 each year.** That money that is now going to buy things our teachers need instead of trash-hauler pick-ups and garbage bags. Parents save money, too—up to \$300 a year per child—when they use reusable containers.

Kid-Led Super Sorting Program!

Throughout the year **students who sign up to sort for multiple weeks of sorting will be given prizes!** Student must sign in with the lunchtime aides at the beginning of the week and complete the entire week of super sorting. At the end of the semester, the weeks will be tallied and the prizes given!

Why do this? Here are some facts to inspire you:

- ✓ **The City of Manhattan Beach has become the first city in So Cal to be launching a full-scale Food Waste Recycling Program that turns food leftovers into renewable clean green energy!**
- ✓ The goal of the program is to increase diversion levels and reduce the amount of waste that is taken to the landfills since **approximately 25% of waste generated comes from food waste.**
- ✓ Currently, Waste Management's CORE® produced engineered bio-slurry (EBS) is being used by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at their Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson, CA, where it is added to the plant's anaerobic digestion system to increase the production of biogas (methane). **The project converts food waste into renewable biogas each day, which is used to generate electricity.**
- ✓ Every ton of food waste we recycle through the CORE process is **equivalent to eliminating CO2 emissions from 30 cars on our Southern California roads.**
- ✓ As one of the **most innovative food waste recycling solutions, the CORE® provides an avenue to meet California's 2020 goal of 75% landfill diversion (AB341)** and the State's organics waste recycling mandates (AB1826). The CORE® enables Waste Management to provide its customers with a cost-effective alternative for diverting food waste from disposal and to participate in a new and exciting sustainable technology.

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