

Trash-Free Lunch Day at PBES!

Wednesday, May 18th

Everything in a trash-free lunch can be eaten, reused, recycled, or composted!

Students eating from the cafeteria will be provided a reusable tray and fork.

Trash-Free Lunch Tips

Include:

- Sandwiches and other food in reusable containers
- Durable forks and spoons
- Whole fruits without packaging
- Drinks in refillable containers that can be reused
- Snacks purchased in bulk and brought in reusable containers.
- Reusable ice packs
- Cloth napkins

Don't Include:

- Individually wrapped snacks
- Plastic baggies that are not reusable
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Straws
- Drinks in cartons or pouches



Why Reduce Trash?

Did you know that every school lunch creates an average of 67 pounds of trash per school year? All the trash we generate at Piney Branch is burned in a county incinerator. By reducing the number of items in your lunch that must be thrown out, or only using those that can be eaten, reused, recycled, or composted, you can:

- Prevent pollution
- Conserve natural resources such as coal, oil, natural gas, and trees
- Save energy
- Save the Montgomery County school system money
- Reduce the amount of trash burned
- Be an environmental steward and make a difference in your environment and the environment of the future

Thank you for your support, and please help Piney Branch Elementary School make today and every day a trash-free lunch day!

Free ice-cream cone coupon and other prizes for students with the best trash-free lunches!

Let's pack trash-free lunches every day,
all year round!

Sponsored by the Young Activist Club of Piney Branch Elementary School

For more information or if you can volunteer to help May 18th anytime between 11:30 am and 2 pm, contact parent volunteer, Brenda Platt, 301-270-0677 or bplatt@ilsr.org.