

# REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

October is Waste Reduction Month

It's October and that means that once again we want to see which class can produce the least garbage. If you and your classmates manage to throw out the least garbage then you will win **\$200** for your class. However regardless you will be helping the environment and taking part in Waste Reduction Month.

**To Register:** Contact REAPS at 250 561 7327 or email [events@reaps.org](mailto:events@reaps.org) to receive an information package. Runs from October 17 - 21.

**To Participate:** Set up four containers: one for recyclables (paper, tetra packs, milk cartons, cans, cardboard, and glass), one for compostable, one for refundable (pop bottles, cans, and juice boxes), and one for true garbage. At the end of each day weigh the materials in each container and record on the sheet provided. You should find that your garbage amount has been reduced by 80% leaving only roughly 20% actual garbage. It is important to dispose of the material properly at the end of each day too.



## Important Dates

**October 3:** World Habitat Day  
**October 3-7:** Walk to School Week  
**October 5:** Walk to School day  
**October 10:** Thanksgiving  
**October 17-23:** Waste Reduction Week

## Tips for a Green Thanksgiving and Halloween

~If you are having people over to eat use reusable dishes and cutlery. If you don't have enough of something ask people to bring some of their own dishes.

~Stay close to home. Go somewhere you can walk to or carpool on Thanksgiving. For Halloween walk around your own neighbourhood.

~Get creative with your Halloween costume. Trade with a friend, make something out of the random clothing your family has, or buy things at a second hand store like Value Village.