

REAPS READER



Have you helped the environment today?

The Challenge

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 to receive an information package. Runs from October 15-19.

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.

Lets Walk

October 8th to 12th is International Walk to School Week. We at REAPS hopes that everyone who takes part, those who have registered, made their own groups, or who are walking regardless, has an enjoyable time. We hope that you continue to find new ways to get to school that do not rely upon cars.



"My previous school only had a single-decker walking bus."

The Great Pumpkin Smash



Many of us will be carving pumpkins to celebrate Halloween. The question that remains, what do with the pumpkin after Halloween? Instead of throwing it into the garbage can why not put the pumpkin to use. On November 1st bring your pumpkin to Exploration Place from **WHAT TIME**. You can throw, crush or destroy your pumpkin however you want. All pumpkins will then be taken to REAPS to be composted.

If you can not make it to Exploration Place but do not want to throw away your pumpkin you can break it into small parts and bury it in your garden. It will break down and enrich the soil. If you never carved your pumpkin you can cook it. While you are carving you can keep the seed either to plant next year or you can roast and then eat them.